

Citizens' forum

Wants folk weather lore

Dear Sir,
I am asking the readers of your newspaper to share with me any amateur weather forecasting methods known or followed by your readers. Rural Canadians, in particular, still retain that blessed affinity with nature which the city people may have lost or forgotten, and I am hoping the rural folks will be most generous in their response.

Should I receive enough replies I will then, through the assistance of the Explorations Program of the Canada Council, put all information in a book and make it available to Canadians.

To illustrate the sort of things I am looking for: on the Canadian Plains many people believe that precipitation will follow ninety days after a fog. Others believe that the length of a hog's "weather vane" (part of the pancreas?) at butchering time indicates the severity of the approaching winter. To forecast the moisture prospects for the next year, slice a large onion in two halves and the twelve inner rings will show the moisture content of the year to come.

The tremendous advances in modern, scientific weather study are threatening to overwhelm the homespun methods used by generations of Canadians; methods used long before the development of

"high tech" weather forecasting. In addition, the gradual passing of our senior citizens, the people most familiar with folk weather lore, will contribute to the loss of this important facet of Canadiana. With the help of the people we can prevent any further loss.

Sincerely,
R.M. Himsel,
248 Grandview St. W.,
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan,
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Destroyed by fire

Dear Sir,
My nuclear opinion:
We should stop the use of reactors. There will be an accident. Just one boiler blow would lose control of radium, killing innocent people. There is too much disaster these days. If a nation such as Russia or United States are with their backs to the wall, they would use nuclear bombs. America did it in Japan. They used fire spray and poisoned crops in Vietnam. They were no match for the natives. They liked the Americans. They will use nuclear. The earth shall be destroyed by fire.

—Albert Brooks

Not a letter writer

Dear Sir,
My name is Joe Hurst. I was born in Acton in 1908 and for the past thirty-six years I have resided at 294 Arthur St., Acton.
I have been involved in many activities in the town and have never been backward in coming forward to express my opinion and beliefs. However, this is the first letter, either in prose or poetry, that I have ever submitted to the editor of any paper.
I hope this information will result in my relatives, friends, and neighbors ceasing to congratulate or admonish me on articles in the local papers for which I am not responsible.

Yours truly,
J.T. Hurst,
294 Arthur St., Acton

Good Neighbors feed 100 families

Dear Sir,
The Good Neighbor Service likes to take this opportunity to thank all you good people for supporting us with your money, goods and manpower.

We helped about 100 families to have a happier Christmas thanks to you. I have a great respect for our high school teachers and students. Their effort was tremendous.

Also a big thank you to The Herald for their excellent covering of our event. Thanks again,
Sienna van Hoekelen,
Chairperson

Slippery roads

Saturday drivers found themselves accident-prone

Saturday's snowy weather made for a busy day for Halton Regional Police. The poor road conditions made for many car accidents requiring police reports and ambulance services.

There were no injuries in a two-vehicle collision at Mountainview Road North at River Road. The 40-year-old driver of a 1983 GMC pickup was stopped at the intersection when the driver of a 1982 Oldsmobile attempting to turn right onto River Road lost control in the snow and hit the pickup.

Both were Georgetown residents and both had passengers in their vehicle. Fortunately nobody was hurt. Damages totalled \$3,000 and no charges were laid by police because of the poor weather. The accident occurred at 4:40 p.m.

Later, at 5:50 p.m., at Young and Queen Streets in Acton, icy conditions were blamed when a car slid across the intersection into oncoming traffic. A 15-year-old Georgetown teenager was taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital by ambulance for minor injuries. Rachel Rogers was treated and released.

There was \$4,000 damage to both car fronts. The vehicle which failed to negotiate the sharp turn on Young Street was a 1985 Ford. It was being driven by a 17-year-old Glen Williams resident.

The other car was a 1982 Mazda, driven by a 36-year-old Acton woman.

No charges were laid by police because of the road conditions.

Three members of the same family were taken to Georgetown Memorial Hospital at 4:30 p.m. with injuries, following a two-car collision on Mill Street East at Frederick Street in Acton.

Police said a 27-year-old Acton woman was eastbound on Mill Street when the door of a parked 1984 Plymouth opened onto the road. She braked and slid on the icy road into the path of the parked car.

A two-year-old daughter and four-year-old son in the 1979 GMC station wagon were unhurt.

Injured in the collision were Lorne Hammond, 42, Aina Hammond, 40, and Suzanne Hammond, 11, all of Georgetown.

No charges were laid because of the weather.

In another collision at 4:10 p.m., there were no injuries although there was \$1,500 damage to two vehicles, police said. The accident occurred at Ewing Street and Hewson Crescent.

A Georgetown woman, 32, was northbound on Ewing Street and slowed down to turn left on Hewson when her 1982 Toyota started to skid. The 19-year-old driver of a 1986 Ford

started to slow down, but also skidded and lost control because of the icy road conditions. Police said the Ford hit the rear of the Toyota, spun around and stopped. The Toyota meantime, slid to the left, into a snow bank.

Two girls, 3 and 5 years old were uninjured in the Toyota. Again, police laid no charges.

Four people were injured in a two-car collision that caused \$9,750 damage Saturday at 11:20 a.m.

A Brampton woman driving a 1978 Volkswagen westbound on Guelph Street lost control of her vehicle because of slush on the road, and crossed the centre line. The Volkswagen struck a 1980 Chevrolet being driven by a 43-year-old Georgetown man, spinning both vehicles.

The Volkswagen then struck a second vehicle, a 1985 Plymouth, and eventually came to rest facing north against a snow bank on the south side of Guelph Street.

Misuse of school taxes: reader

Dear Sir,
In regards to your article "Adapting to Change", I was looking to see that the Trustees could walk on water. The Consolidation fight was to keep what we already had. Once the schools were closed what was next? The pools. The trustees talked of closing the pools due to the cost. Next was the all weather track. A Burlington school applied for one. FIRST request and it's granted. How long has Georgetown been trying to get the same thing? We may be considered in the next budget if there is any money left.

The Board of Education didn't want to know what the students felt about the closings. The remark of the Board of Education handling the transition is a little hard to swallow. To me it was the teachers and principals who took the initiative. These are the people who should be thanked for a job well done.

To me, the trustees could care less about our area. Their view of Georgetown is just that. Just a view.

Yours truly,
R. Hiseaman,
Georgetown

VON Week Jan. 25-31

Dear Sir,
The week of January 25 to 31, 1987, has been designated to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada.

We at the Halton Branch of the VON are very excited about VON Week. It is the first time the VON has observed an anniversary nationally, and we are proud to be sharing the event with branches right across the country.

The VON has been serving the Halton region since 1930 when a branch was opened in Burlington. For the first few years only one nurse was on call, and initially there was no car to help her complete her rounds.

Today, the Halton Branch of the VON provides nursing and other vital health services right across the region. A team of staff nurses provides round-the-clock service, carrying out the VON mandate - to provide nursing and other services that will improve the health and quality of life of the people in the community.

Kindest regards,
Howard Hansfuld, President
Board of Management

Delay in altering Meagan

A request by a neighboring land developer that the draft plan of subdivision for Meagan Developments be altered was put off for a week by town councillors Monday night.

Councillors want their planning director to consider the request and report back to them by Jan. 19. Planning staff were absent from this meeting.

The neighboring developer is Al Plutti. He wants a 66 foot wide piece of property that links up with the road in the Meagan subdivision, reserved on the east end. This would prevent his Glen Williams property from being landlocked.

Along with presenting councillors with sketches of the changes he would make to the draft plan, Mr. Plutti submitted a letter from Meagan lawyer Bert Arnold stating his client had no objection to the proposed changes.

Under the name of Rinaldi Brothers, Mr. Plutti has four acres behind the Meagan property which he would like to develop into a minimum four lots, he told council.

His request for the 66-foot reserve block was made to council last year, before draft approval was given to Meagan. It was never acted on, however.



Values

SIRLOIN	322	BOSTON	261
TIP ROAST 7.09 kg	3 LB.	BLUEFISH 5.75 kg	2 LB.
PEAMEAL	300	SOLE	405
BACON 5.60 kg	3 LB.	FILLETS 8.90 kg	4 LB.
HAM	359	BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN	450
KOLBASSA 7.90 kg	3 LB.	BREASTS 9.90 kg	4 LB.

TAVISTOCK CHEESE

END CUTS:	Mozzarella . . . 6.49 kg 2.95 LB.
Marble 6.49 kg 2.95 LB.	Colby 6.49 kg 2.95 LB.
Mild Cheddar . 6.99 kg 3.18 LB.	Old Cheddar . . 6.99 kg 3.18 LB.

— Pork Crown Roast Made To Order —

ATTENTION LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS AND NON-PROFIT HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS

Help create rental units for people with special housing needs.

Special provincial funding for 3,000 units.

The Government of Ontario has made a special commitment to fund 3,000 new, non-profit housing units primarily dedicated to disadvantaged people.

Who will this program help? Mainly people who are physically, developmentally or psychiatrically handicapped, battered women, homeless people and other socially disadvantaged persons.

The Ministries of Housing, Health, and Community and Social Services are working together to help people throughout Ontario who require a combination of support-care services and housing.

Projects that house low-income families and senior citizens as well as disadvantaged groups will be considered. Innovative housing projects for disadvan-

tagged, low-income, single people will also be considered on a demonstration basis.

Attend our briefing sessions this February.

Interested community groups and non-profit organizations are invited to attend orientation sessions on the development of housing with support services. Meetings will be held in February at each Regional Office of the Ministry of Housing.

Representatives from the Ministries involved will be on hand to speak and to answer questions.

Local community organizations wishing to sponsor non-profit housing projects can apply for government grants to cover the costs of establishing non-profit housing corporations.

Call now for complete details.

Preliminary applications indicating an intent to develop a housing project with support services are to be submitted by March 31, 1987. Eligibility depends on the degree and nature of care provided.

The federal government, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, will provide mortgage loan insurance for all projects funded by this program.

For more information and meeting times, contact your nearest Regional Office of the Ministry of Housing listed below.

*Up to 1,000 units will be selected from applications for supportive housing previously submitted to the Ministry of Housing.



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Hon. Alvin Curling, Minister

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