

# Outlook on Halton Hills

## Library book review

### Those little boxes on the hillside

**Herald Special**  
 Alan Gowans, *The Comfortable House: North American Suburban Architecture, 1890-1930*, Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1987.

Little boxes on the hillside. Little boxes made of ticky tacky. Little boxes on the hillside. Little boxes all the same. For Gowans, one of Canada's foremost architectural historians,

the image of suburbia has very little to do with "little boxes made of ticky tacky". To anyone interested in the "history" of their suburban home, he provides a well-illustrated introduction to bungalows, foursquares, colonials, saltboxes, Cape Cods, Gothics, and more. He writes of the years when electric trolley cars and motor cars transformed the way in which "ordinary people" could get from home to work and cities were just beginning to sprawl over adjacent farmland.

and Sears, amongst others, designed, cut, packed and shipped all the necessary lumber and hardware as a kit. One of the most delightful sections of the book recounts one family's efforts to build one of these (they started with the front door opening onto the back of their lot!). Frequently criticized by competitors in the building industry, Gowans concludes that these mail-order houses were, in fact, built to fairly exacting standards.

—By WALTER LEWIS, Courtesy Halton Hills Libraries

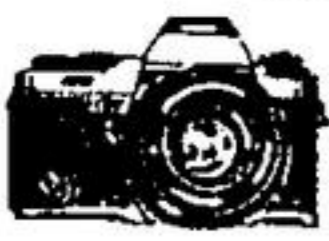
### Three teens are injured

Three teenagers suffered minimal injuries when the vehicles in which they were passengers collided, Monday night.

Lisa Bugala, 18, of Acton, Brian Robinson, 19, of Erin and Peter Steen, 19, of Erin, were not seriously hurt in the collision at Maple Avenue and Market Street.

Halton Regional Police said a 1981 Toyota was stopped at Maple Avenue on Market Street, intending to turn left. A third vehicle stopped in the eastbound curb lane of Maple Avenue to allow the Toyota room to pull out and complete his turn.

The Toyota pulled out and was struck by a 1977 Pontiac which was in the east bound passing lane.



## Photo Tips

by Peter Moss

Still out on the trail? Great! There are still many many tips to keep you busy for many many days!

This week lets briefly deal with birds, and please remember that I am no authority on the subject of birds. Trying to obtain good bird shots can indeed be a real challenge. The two biggest obstacles will usually be, a lens of long enough focal length (200mm/300mm/400mm if possible) of sufficient speed (2.8 or 3.5 would be ideal) and a great deal of patience. The first of this two fold dilemma can be a problem. As a rule long lenses with very fast f/stops are EXPENSIVE and unfortunately the lens speed is generally required to allow you to have the fast shutter speeds you will need to stop the motion of the subject. Don't despair here is where you reason your way through using some of your new found knowledge.

Say you have a 135mm f.2.8 lens. Say also that you have a (2X) teleconverter. O.K. Coupled together that gives you a 270mm f.5.6 lens. Not bad! Admittedly this is not a 2.8 or 3.5 lens, however, you can compensate for this lack of "speed" by using a faster ASA (I.S.O.) film which will effectively speed up your situation. This combination and compensation will now allow you to have that "faster" shutter speed what you were needing. This formula will also work if you have a zoom lens, however you might find that because of the more restricted aperture of the zoom lens (usually f.4.0 or f.4.5) you will probably have to go to an even higher I.S.O. film 400 I.S.O. will be a better choice this time. (80-200mm f.4.0. zoom lens and teleconverter = 160-400mm f.8.0 lens). As you can see f.8.0 will be a considerable restriction in speed therefore our faster I.S.O. film speed will help equalize our problem and allow you those faster shutter speeds you need. Please remember that higher I.S.O. films are generally more grainy than slower speed films so be very careful when exposing and composing your shots. And as always use your tripod and cable release to be "rock steady!"

The second part of your dilemma is the patience part and unfortunately there is nothing in the photographer's bag of tricks to help you here. You might find that you simply have to go back day after day or week after week and shoot until you obtain the results you are after.

If birds are what you are after, some study time for more specific information on particular types of birds will definitely help you in your endeavours. You will be able to find detailed information on nesting - feeding - locations and time of day for optimum activity and all this data will serve to help you take better bird shots. You might also want to take a day's or weekend's outing to Point Pelee on Lake Erie where, birds abound and you will also encounter many knowledgeable people on the subject of birds. If Point Pelee is too far out of the way for you, Mountsberg outside of Campbellville is a good spot to start and is closer to home base.

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