

Planting the seeds for company's new expansion

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If you are a home gardener, or know someone who is, this story will be of great interest to you. The Dominion Seed House, located at 115 Guelph Street, is opening a retail store for residents of the Halton and Peel. The doors of this 126' by 22'

store will be open to the public Friday, October 30, and managed by Bob Hankinson, who has been with the Dominion Seed House for almost two years. Before joining the staff at the Dominion Seed House, Mr. Hankinson worked at his family's seed business in Brantford. It is not only gardening supplies

and plants that are sold at the store, however Dominion Seed House Manager, Doug Peck, describes it as a place for "home gardeners from young to old." Wicker baskets, made by Mic Mac Indians in Prince Edward Island and corn husk dolls, made in Czechoslovakia, are also available. For the first time, bird feeders and dried and silk flower arrangements are also offered. Mr. Peck says, "...these items would make perfect birthday, anniversary, or Christmas gifts." How will this addition benefit their customers? The store is selling many products that are not available in this area. Mr. Peck explains that the store, "...is going to give customers immediate access to all gardening seeds and products, plus the other materials that are new, such as the African violets and green leaf plants."

Supplies such as gardening tools, insecticides, and other equipment will also be sold at the store. Some of these products are unavailable through the mail-order process. Catalogue listings will be displayed, and the 1988 catalogue cover will commemorate the Dominion Seed House's 60th anniversary.

With the opening of the new store, a new service will be offered. During the fall sale, customers can visit the bulb department and pick out their own bulbs.

The mail-order process, which has been running for 60 years, will still be available, though local residents are expected to find the retail store an easier and faster way of buying supplies. Mr. Peck invites everyone to "...come in and browse six days a week, Monday, through Saturdays." The store will be open from Mondays to Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mr. Peck has lived in Georgetown all of his life, and began working at the Dominion Seed House in 1945 as a seed clerk. He says that the staff at the Dominion Seed House are "...excited, and he expects the store to be quite successful."

Acton bypass

The Town is going to look at ways to cut down on traffic going through Acton on Highway 7.

Councillor Rick Bonnette said Monday that traffic going through Acton on Highway 7 is using it as a bypass.

"Between 4:30 and 5:30 it's almost a funeral procession," Coun. Bonnette said.

"In the near future there will be 140 new homes in Acton. Probably within the year, I don't think it (Highway 7) should be used as a bypass," Coun. Bonnette said.

Council instructed Town staff to prepare a report on "bypassing through traffic on Highway 7 in Acton."



School roast

Park Public School held its Meet the Teacher Night Sept. 29. Over 400 people enjoyed barbecued hot dogs, sausages and hamburgers despite the rain. Here, Bob Burnette holds the umbrella over Grade 4 teacher Bill Appar while he takes on the roll of chef. Jonathan Appar, a Kindergarten student, looks on as the sausages are sizzling. (Herald photo)



The annual north Halton District Cuboree Sunday was at historic Fort York in Toronto. Cubs from Acton, Georgetown, Glen Williams and Limehouse, including parents and leaders learned about life in a military fort in the 1800s. Tour guides talked about The War of 1812, cooking under a primitive stove and life as a soldier. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Cubs visit historic fort

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The annual North Halton District Cuboree was at Fort York, Oct. 3rd. Cubs from Acton, Georgetown, Limehouse and Glen Williams participated in this interesting visit to Fort York.

On arrival the boys were divided into groups and the four-part introduction lesson started at 9:30 a.m. Visiting the various barracks, starting at the garrison of York, the group learned about the War of 1812, and how the British troops followed their orders.

A visit to the North Soldiers' barracks proved interesting and the boys thought it quite different to learn it was housing for eating, sleeping, living quarters and the odd board (table) games took place. The main food was rice, bread and lots of stew. There was no milk, but beer and rum supplied.

The officers' quarters was quite well furnished, having bedrooms, sitting room, mess hall and a cook area where the cook was making gingerbread cookies on an adjustable iron pan over an open fire.

The five senses, smell, hear, touch, see and taste come in very handy compared to modern-day baking. Using the bellows to keep the embers glowing made the gingerbread cookies bake at a good rate. The yoke was still in perfect shape for which it was still available to carry two pails of water.

Everyone met in the east blockhouse for lunch. The cubs broke up into four groups to have a demonstration on guns, motors, garrison artillery, weapons and an 18-pounder cannon. The musket demonstration showed how to clean, load the gunpowder, load the musket-ball, set and fire. Some groups were instructed on music. Following the recess time the boys were divided into two groups and were all given a wooden gun to practise the skills of a soldier. These were all put back in storage in the blockhouse.

The five guides for the day did an excellent job and the large gathering

Creative cooks

The Toy Lending Library, is presenting a demonstration in "Creative Cooking," both microwave and conventional. This event will take place at St. Andrew's United Church, on October 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4. For more details please call 877-0262 or 877-2347.

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formed a circle and gave them a "Great" cheer for the good day. A visit to the canteen completed a good day and the buses were nice and warm for the return trip home. The boys received the Fork York crest and a North Halton District crest was presented to the five guides of the day.

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