



Georgetown beef cattle breeder Emerson Clarke stands beside one of his prize-winning shorthorns at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Mr. Clarke says his breed is improving each year. The proof lies in his premier breeder and grand champion bull wins during Wednesday's competitions. Mr. Clarke brought eight of his 60 head of cattle to this year's Royal.

No intention to have this job ad explained

Ottawa Report

By Stewart MacLeod

I've been staring at this piece of paper for weeks now. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that Canadians, if not the whole world, should be told about it. But, frankly, I've been afraid to tell it.

This happens when you come across something that borders on the unbelievable. One doesn't like to have one's personal integrity questioned.

What I am anguishing over here is a job-description produced by our beloved Public Service of Canada. It might well be one of the most attractive jobs ever offered by the federal government. On the other hand, it might be the worst.

We'll certainly never know from the job description.

And I have no intention of seeking an explanation. The last time I requested an interview about bureaucratic language, a federal official said he would be delighted "to have a bilateral" with me. That, in all probability, meant a meeting. But, not knowing whether it might be something like cross-country skiing, I declined.

Wonder whatever happened to "interfacing"? Incidentally, did you know what they're calling those air bags now offered in some new cars? They are "non-belted automatic restraint systems."

As you've probably noticed, I am out to kill time here. I am still trying to work up the courage to go ahead with this job description.

PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS
It's probably not fair to blame the federal government for all our wondrous gibberish. It's also rampant in the private sector. For instance, it's almost impossible to find a used car these days. They can be "refreshed", "previously enjoyed", or even "lovingly matured", but seldom "used".

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GET READY
"Duties: Leads project teams to implement branch plans; coordinates selected horizontal administrative activities and acts as a functional co-ordinator for cross sectoral development initiatives; assists in branch policy formulation in response to horizontal issues impacting on sector industries; identifies strategic issues impacting on the sector development process and then formulates and recommends

strategies and initiatives to address these issues; develops, delivers, administers and monitors projects under branch programs to foster development of the sector; participates in investment, marketing, trade missions, fairs and promotional activities to encourage sector investment and trade development."

Interested?
Such a specialized position obviously calls for specialized qualifications. So, what's required in this case is "university graduation with specialization in economics, engineering, science or commerce or other specialty related to the duties of the position."

Now, if someone could just interface or bilateral us into knowing the duties of the position, we'd be all set. Under "qualifications" which drones on somewhat, we also learn the successful applicant will be expected to "communicate findings and recommendations to senior management."

If I were senior management, I know the first thing I would request in the form of communications from the new recruit: "In 25 words or less, explain what you do for a living?"

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Should she fall for a convict?

By Meg Whitcomb

DEAR MEG — Six months ago, my biology teacher got a letter from a former student who landed in prison. Al is serving five years for drug possession and trafficking. He wrote in hopes that the teacher would pass the word to students that drugs are a dead end, and he hoped someone would write to him.

I wrote because I'm sympathetic — a cousin of mine is in the same jam. Our letters began on a friendly level but have begun to get serious. I don't know if I should continue

DEAR MEG



Meg Whitcomb

this "relationship" and get too deeply involved with a convict. I have a lot of plans and dreams for my future. I'm going to college next fall, and Al won't be out of prison until January 1989. How should I handle this? — 18 WITH PLANS, CALIF.

Daughter needs new MD

DR. GOTT



Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — For the last 18 months, my daughter, 16, has been experiencing breast problems. Right after ovulation, they fill up with milk or fluid. They become very large, then they get hot and lumpy. After menstruation they return to normal. Her doctor has her on Parlodel (2.5 milligrams three times a day), but it's not working. He tells her to "live with it," but how would he like enlarged breasts every month?

DEAR READER — Not a whole lot, I expect. Premenstrual breast enlargement in young women can be annoying, uncomfortable, embarrassing and difficult to treat; it's worse when women are told to live with it.

Parlodel (bromocriptine mesylate) suppresses the secretion of prolactin, the hormone that triggers milk pro-

Don't spend much bread on croutons

By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — Can you tell me how to make my own croutons for salad toppings? — A.C.

DEAR A.C. — Stale bread should never be consigned to the garbage pail — not when purchased croutons and bread crumbs are so expensive! You can make your own practically for free. Just cube bread for croutons, grind it for crumbs, then dry it in a slow oven (140 degrees) for 20 to 30 minutes until it is golden, very crisp

DEAR 18 — Your original impulse to write was a positive one. Loneliness and isolation among prisoners are often the enemies of rehabilitation. Penal experts feel that letters from family and friends are important in motivating prisoners to reassess their behavior and build new lives when they get out.

But being a pen pal to an inmate on the inside is not a realistic basis for a one-on-one relationship on the outside. Keep the correspondence cool and your college plans on the front burner.

DEAR MEG — Please help me make a decision. My parents are getting divorced, and I have to decide which one to live with. I'm 15.

The problem is that sometimes my father beats me up and then tries to make up for it with presents. My mother is an alcoholic and brings home friends I know are bad news. She's nice to me but extremely strict,

yet she goes out to parties every night. What's your advice? — STUCK IN THE MIDDLE, NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR STUCK — In a choice between living with an abusive father and an alcoholic mother, the best bet

is neither. You'll be much better off staying with a relative or close friend's family for the time being. Your parents are sick and unable to help themselves, but they could do you a lot of emotional damage.

Hopefully, the shock of your decision will prompt them to seek the professional help they need to put them on the road to recovery. Please tell the judge you don't want to live with either of them right now. He'll hear you.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Milne Homecare and Prescription Centre wishes to announce that Ken Milne PHM.B. has completed a course sponsored by Camp International Inc. Your Doctor's prescription for back braces and other orthotic devices (knee, cervical etc.) can be filled for you at our new store.



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A Tasty Recipe

YORKSHIRE SPICE CAKE

- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 nutmeg, grated
- 3 cups currants
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup mixed chopped peel
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk

Sift flour with salt, baking powder, soda and spices. Dust fruits with a little of the measured flour. Cream shortening until creamy and light; add sugar, gradually, beating between additions. Then add eggs, unbeat, one at a time, beating each one in thoroughly.

Add dry ingredients and milk alternately. Add prepared fruits.

Fill pans lined with waxed paper and greased, about 2/3 full. Bake in 325° oven for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.



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and your 1988 Municipal and School Taxes

Regional Assessment Offices located throughout Ontario are responsible for assessing all real property for the purposes of municipal and school taxation.

Assessment Rolls are prepared and delivered to municipalities which use them to set mill rates and calculate property tax bills. The amount of property tax you will pay on your home or business in 1988 is determined by multiplying the assessed value of your property by the mill rate.

If you want to learn more about your property assessment, the Regional Assessment Office invites you to attend its Open House Session.

Open House Sessions

Open Houses are held in every municipality at convenient times and locations to provide you with the opportunity to discuss your assessment with the staff of the Regional Office.

An assessor will be pleased to explain the basis of your property assessment and is authorized to amend any inaccurate information prior to the delivery of the Assessment Roll to your municipality.

If you have any questions, but are unable to attend the Open House, please contact your Regional Assessment Office at the address or telephone number shown below.

Notice of Property Valuation

Property owners and tenants will receive a Notice of Property Valuation only if information relating to their property assessment was changed during the past year, if the assessment was appealed last year, or if there has been a general reassessment in the municipality. If you receive a Notice of Property Valuation, it may reflect changes you have requested in your school support designation, in the amount of your assessed value, or other recorded information on last year's Notice.

Appeal Procedure

If, after attending your local Open House, you are still dissatisfied with your assessment, you have the right to appeal it to the Assessment Review Board. This Board is responsible for determining whether the assessment under appeal is fair and equitable with the assessments of similar properties in the vicinity. The Assessment Review Board is more informal and relaxed than a regular court of law.

Appeal Deadline

The final date for appealing your assessment is January 12, 1988.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, you can use the form provided on the back of your Notice of Property Valuation, write a letter, or use a Notice of Appeal Form. You need to include your property address, roll number, and the reason for the appeal. Your appeal must be filed on or before January 12, 1988.

To assist you, Notice of Appeal forms and the address of the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board are available at Open Houses, your Regional Assessment Office, or your municipal office.

Schedule of Open Houses

Halton Hills Town ... Wed. Dec. 9 & Thur. Dec. 10, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Halton Hills Municipal Office, Committee Room, Trafalgar Rd. (North of Maple), Halton Hills
Milton Town ... Mon. Dec. 7 & Tues. Dec. 8, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Milton Town Hall, Downstairs Room, Victoria Park Square, 43 Brown St., Milton

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Ontario

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2 Robert Speck Parkway, 4th Floor
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