



THE DOMINION STORE at Meadowvale Town Centre which serves Milton was part of the food chain's cross-Canada 60th anniversary party. It was highlighted with a number of gifts and prizes being given away.

100,000 balloons

Dominion's 60th birthday

Dominion Stores Limited, Canada's largest retail grocery company, celebrated its 60th birthday Oct. 3. To mark the occasion, a cake cutting ceremony was held in each store, office and warehouse.

To put all of Canada into the birthday spirit, Dominion released simultaneously at 3 p.m. across the chain, over 100,000 helium-filled balloons. Every balloon contained a coupon redeemable at any Dominion Store and prizes include: five 1980 Honda Civic Hatchbacks especially painted in the Company's corporate colors; 11 Panasonic Genius II Microwave ovens; thousands of free anniversary products and thousands of coupons for savings on every day shopping items.

Dominion, which operates 379 stores in seven provinces, was incorporated in Toronto Oct. 3, 1919. During its 60 years of growth and development, Dominion has helped to pioneer such well known trade practices as self-service supermarkets, central warehousing and the concept of the suburban shopping centre. Many of the commonly accepted conveniences of today's retail grocery experience were introduced by Dominion.

To mark the occasion of its 60th anniversary Dominion's President Allen C. Jackson said:

"Our aim has been and will continue to be, to fulfill with ever-increasing efficiency our responsibility as a distributor of food, thereby performing a satisfactory service to the consumer, producer, manufacturer and processor; to discharge our respon-

sibility to shareholders whose investment makes the company possible; and to provide our employees with a satisfactory living under the best possible conditions."

He added, "At Dominion, we recognize that the 1980's will see many challenges with our industry and it is our commitment to strive for new and better ways to serve the needs of Canadian consumers."

Snow elected road president

Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow has been elected president of the Roads and Transportation Association of Canada for 1979-80 at the annual conference in Regina.

"RTAC is a unique organization which brings together industry and government to work for the betterment of transportation in Canada," Snow said,

"and I'm proud to be the new president of such an organization."

Snow will head up the Association's 800 corporate membership for the coming year, culminating in the 1980 convention at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

Snow has been Ontario Minister of Transportation and Communications since October 1975.

Training officer

Halton police raise academic standards

For the first time Halton Regional Police Force recruits must meet a minimum mark requirement of 75 per cent on Ontario Police College exams on criminal law, traffic regulations and the Police Act.

Halton police force training officer Dick Hilton said in an interview that the pass requirement for Halton police recruits "wasn't handled as a regular cut off point but was done in relation to a class average."

Asked how long that had been the case, Hilton said "almost up to the present time, but I was talking to the chief (James Harding) and the mark is 75 per cent from this point on."

All Ontario policemen write the Ontario Police College exams, but minimum pass marks are set by individual forces.

The standard for the Hamilton-Wentworth force is 80 per cent, for Peel police it is 90 per cent and for the Ontario Provincial Police it is 75 per cent. Metro Police were recently criticized for having a standard of 65 per cent, one of the lowest in Ontario.

A mark of 70-79 (C) is classified as average by the Ontario Police College.

Acting chief Harding, who set the 75 per cent mark, said it "is a fairly high mark, but it can be achieved with diligence. It should be high enough to present a challenge to the officer."

Other criteria used to evaluate the 12 recruits who graduated into the Halton force in 1978, included performance "on the street", evaluation by a supervisor during an 18 month probation period, the ability of the officer to get along with his co-workers and the public. Hilton said "academics are not everything, but they are extremely important."

The training officer said a formal mark standard had not seemed necessary in the past because of low recruitment in Halton, because 80 per cent was the usual level of accomplishment. Police forces have been getting much better educated people over the last 10 years, he said.

Four exams that all police must get 90 per cent on to get a certificate from the Ontario Police College are arrest, use of force, search and seizure and compelling appearance in court.

Harding said "I want Halton to be the most professional force

possible. Its going to take awhile and that's why we've started the building process. A positive training program is the foundation on which a department is built."

According to Hilton "the state of in-service training has been less than desirable. It needs upgrading."

"We must make sure police officers are well aware of changes in the force, and changes in legislation. The whole thing is under development at this stage, but we're hoping to get it on line in November."

The last in-training session for the Halton force was started in early 1978, but fell through in part because on-duty time was not made available to officers to attend the course.

"If it (the in-service training program) is on an off-duty basis it does not ensure everyone is getting training," said Hilton. "But there will be an in-service training program, no two ways about that."

Acting chief Harding, who was a training officer, said, "there are various ways besides three hour lectures to train officers. Sometimes five minutes of discussion at the right time is worth more."

Nonetheless "it will be part of their (Halton police) duty to be trained and we will train them on duty."

The Halton force is entering into contracts with Humber College for courses to teach management principles for senior constables and other interested police.

There are six courses en route to a certificate: supervisory practice, organization development, effective police communications, problem solving and decision making, theories of police management, and police personnel management.

The course is conducted on a voluntary basis.

According to Hilton

"more people are attending the course and are recognizing that training of whatever sort is important."

Currently there are 18-20 police cadets in training for the Halton force. Up till now cadets have

been schooled only on the job.

"Now we will be expanding and doing more formalized training," said Hilton. "Cadets will be going into a classroom setting and coming back out into the field."

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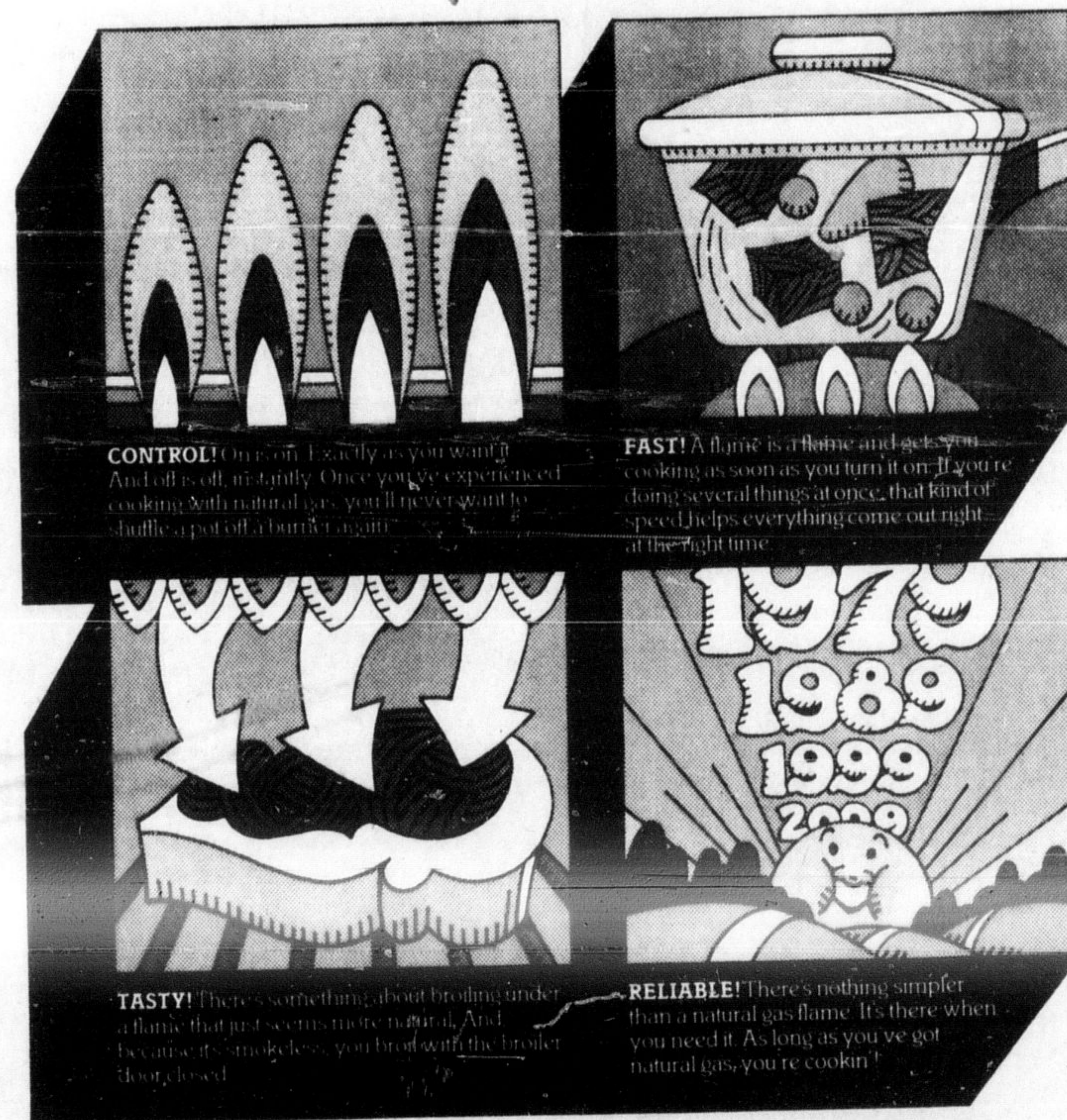


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