



The cool weather makes outdoor work a little more difficult. Here, a construction worker, at the overpass at Ontario and Main bundles up for the job.

Retail food scales go metric in '82

Local food stores in the Milton area will convert their scales to weigh food in grams and kilograms beginning Jan. 4, 1982.

The conversion program is expected to be completed by Feb. 28, 1982.

A Metric Commission Canada spokesman says that this conversion is part of the national changeover from Imperial units like pounds, ounces, yards, miles, gallons and degrees Fahrenheit to metres, kilometres, litres and degrees Celsius that began in 1971.

Shoppers here have bought pre-packaged food in metric units for several years, often without recognizing the change. But now, in the last stage of conversion to world-standard metric measures of all kinds, items that are individually weighed in the store will also be purchased on a metric basis. Items affected include meat, poultry, fish, cheese,

fruit, vegetables, nuts and candy.

To make this possible, scales in all local stores will be changed to metric during the "conversion period" in this area as part of the Canada-wide program.

The changeover starts simultaneously in 21 areas across Canada in January 1982 and then covers the rest of the country progressively during a two-year period. The whole process will be completed by the end of 1983.

From the start date of conversion in this area grocery advertising will show prices by both metric and Imperial units. For example, ground meat might be advertised at both \$3.30 per kilogram and \$1.50 per pound. Under the provisions of the Weights and Measures regulations advertising stating prices in both metric and Imperial units will be allowed to continue until the

end of December 1983. After this date metric units will be used exclusively.

Metric Commission Canada has prepared an extensive public awareness program. As part of it, information pamphlets and posters will be available in the stores to help shoppers adapt to metric units.

It was also announced that a service to respond to consumer complaints during the changeover has been established by Consumer & Corporate Affairs Canada. As a first step, consumers are asked to discuss any difficulties—such as apparent price discrepancies—with the manager of the store involved. Then, if the matter cannot be resolved satisfactorily, consumers are invited to contact the nearest of the department's 27 district offices across Canada where the complaint will be followed up.

Bayley MacLean merges with Penney-Century

Bayley MacLean Real Estate Ltd. and Century 21 F. Penney Real Estate Ltd. have merged and will operate under the name Bayley Maclean Real Estate Ltd.

James West, president of Bayley MacLean Real Estate Ltd., and Fred Penney, president of Century 21 F. Penney Real Estate Ltd., say their combined sales forces will provide continued professional service to their existing and prospective clients.

An open house for clients and real estate colleagues will take place to celebrate the merger once the firm has moved into its new premises on Reynolds St. in Oakville.

Century 21 F. Penney Real Estate Ltd. was founded by Mr. Penney in 1973. Mr. Penney, a well known real estate broker and a former president of the Oakville Real Estate Board (OREB), participates extensively in the real estate education program of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA).

Bayley MacLean Real Estate Ltd., owned by Mr. West and Amy C. Griffiths, is the largest independently owned real estate brokerage firm in Halton. Founded in 1969, it has offices in Oakville, Milton, Burlington and Mississauga.

It provides real estate services and expertise in all aspects of real estate including new residential developments, resales and residential, commercial and industrial property management.

Who earns more?

Teachers from the public and separate school systems are in a nip-and-tuck race for salary supremacy in Halton.

Salary figures, which are in effect as a result of collective agreements reached between teachers and the Halton Board of Education and Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board, show public school teachers in the lead at the top end of the qualifications scale, but their separate school counterparts earning more at the lower end.

United Way concerns Unit

Some charitable organizations in Halton Hills have expressed concern about the United Way expanding into North Halton.

In June, Halton Hills council asked charity groups raising funds to comment on a report calling for the United Way in the north part of the region.

Acton Cancer Unit expressed concern noting major charitable organizations shouldn't be included in the United Way and it needs to be determined which groups the United Way will support. The local group also felt that the public must be made aware the United Way won't be helping retarded children, Flowers of Hope campaign, cancer and others, so it doesn't hamper existing fund raising drives. Cancer suggested a United Way campaign not be held the same month as any other major campaign in town.

The Georgetown Y, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Muscular Dystrophy, Acton Meals on Wheels and Acton Social Services and Information Centre also commented, and four supported the United Way.

Fran Jamieson, a member of a committee looking at the United Way for north Halton, said she started out opposed but now supports the United Way because it will fund services not now available in the north. She noted an implementation committee is due to be appointed.