



Cited for volunteer work

Villa Nursing Home owner Alex Jarlette reads a letter of recommendation he wrote for Velma Shewfelt and Linda VanVeenan. The girls (foreground) volunteered to work at the Home for the summer and the staff and residents threw a party to show their appreciation. The Belleville girls are heading home to return to school leaving vacancies in volunteer staff that sorely need to be filled.

Staff photo

## Blackbirds cause havoc in Coldwater

by E. Lorraine Orr  
Blackbirds. Beware! Farmers in the Coldwater area are not happy about losing great quantities of their corn and grain crops to the ever multiplying blackbirds.

A field requires much preparation before the corn can be planted and more afterwards. Fertilizer, having a high content of nitrogen, is added to the field, along with animal manure. For 100 acres the cost is approximately \$2800. The corn, costing \$38 per unit of fifty pounds, is then planted along with more fertilizer. Weeds must be controlled by spraying, at an approximate cost of \$800. To have all this expense and then lose seventy-five percent of the crop to the blackbirds is more than any farmer can afford.

Some farmers have resorted to shot guns, using many cases of shells as they regularly startle the birds in the field. Another method is the "banger". A machine operating on a timer basis with a loud bang also disturbs the birds. A third

temporary prevention is an alarm which operates on a 12 volt battery producing a loud chirping distress sound which frightens the birds. However, all this really does is cause the birds to fly to another field. Definitely not a satisfactory solution.

Last October following a meeting of concerned farmers, a committee was formed to find an answer. Meetings were held in Toronto with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Environment. The chemicals Avicide and Avitrol have been in the experimental stage at the University of Guelph to discover the most effective repellent.

Special permission has been received to use the two chemicals in experimental testing on the farms of Stewart Alderson, Cecil Biggs, Frank Durnford, Joe Graitrix and Howard Hawke. The insecticides have been sprayed on a set number of acres by low-flying airplanes. One method distributes a

supply of cracked corn of which every one-hundredth piece of corn is treated to cause the bird eating it to become ill. The bird then starts a distress call and the other birds are warned away.

Mr. Biggs watched over one thousand birds land in his corn field on Tuesday following the spraying on Monday night. He reported that within three-quarters of an hour the birds began to rise in a disturbed way and finally flew away not to return.

The other insecticide is a spray put on the corn stocks which irritates the birds' feet when they land on the plants. The corn being treated is not for human consumption. Research teams have covered a twenty foot

square of corn field with netting, thus preventing the birds access to the cobs. This is a yield test to determine how much corn could be brought to maturity if not disturbed by the blackbirds.

The farmers do not have only the problem of blackbirds; they must also contend with the

opposition from the conservationists who do not want any harm done to the birds, regardless of the damage they are doing.

The question is — should the farmer continue feeding the birds or should he destroy the black birds so the crops can feed the people?

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## Museum granted \$5,000

Simcoe East MPP Gord Smith last week presented a cheque for \$5,000 to officials at the Gallery of Historic Huronia in Midland.

The "foundation grant" is to assist in the construction of the new gallery, is one of a series going to new museums all across the province under the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

The formal presentation to the Gallery was made to Dr. William H. Cranston, who just recently retired from the presidency of the Huronia

museum board, with Historic Huronia is which the Gallery of associated.

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### FLOWER NAME SCRAMBLE RULES

- Solve Flower Name Scramble by re-arranging the letters shown in the master squares and placing them in the appropriate squares at the bottom of each entry blank, in order to form the names of two flowers.
- Anyone is eligible to enter except employees of the Markle Community Newspaper Ltd. and Perrin's Flower Shop, members of their families and professional flower growers.
- You may send in as many entries as you wish on the official forms as they appear each week in the Midland Times, Elmvalle Lance or Penetanguishene Citizen. Note: All entries should be saved and submitted with Master Entry Form that will be published November 17th.
- Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st. Prize \$50.00 2nd. Prize \$25.00 plus 63 prizes of \$2.00 Gift Certificates redeemable at Perrin's Flower Shop 321 King Street, Midland.
- Prizes will be awarded on the basis of correct entries, neatness and legibility. In case of a tie, the entry with the earliest postmark will be judged the winner and prizes will be awarded accordingly. If two or more contestants are tied and their entries have identical postmarks, they will be required to solve a special tie breaking Flower Name Scramble. A participant can win only one prize. The decision of the judges is final, and all contestants agree to abide by the judges decision. All entries become the property of the Markle Community Newspapers Ltd.
- All entries must include complete entry form from each weeks publication in numerical order, along with master entry form which will be published November 17th. They must be securely fastened together and wrapped with sufficient postage attached, and addressed to the Flower Name Scramble Editor, c/o The Midland Times Box 609 Midland Ontario, L4R 4L3. All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight Nov. 24th. No entries will be accepted other than by mail.
- The Markle Community Newspapers Ltd. or Perrin's Flower Shop cannot be responsible for delays in the mails or non-receipt of an entry through any cause, and reserves the right to correct any typographical errors which may appear during the Flower Name Scramble with due notice in the publications which it is appearing in.
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- Authority for correct spelling of all the flower names used will be the Webster's International Dictionary.

### FLOWER NAME SCRAMBLE ENTRY NUMBER 1



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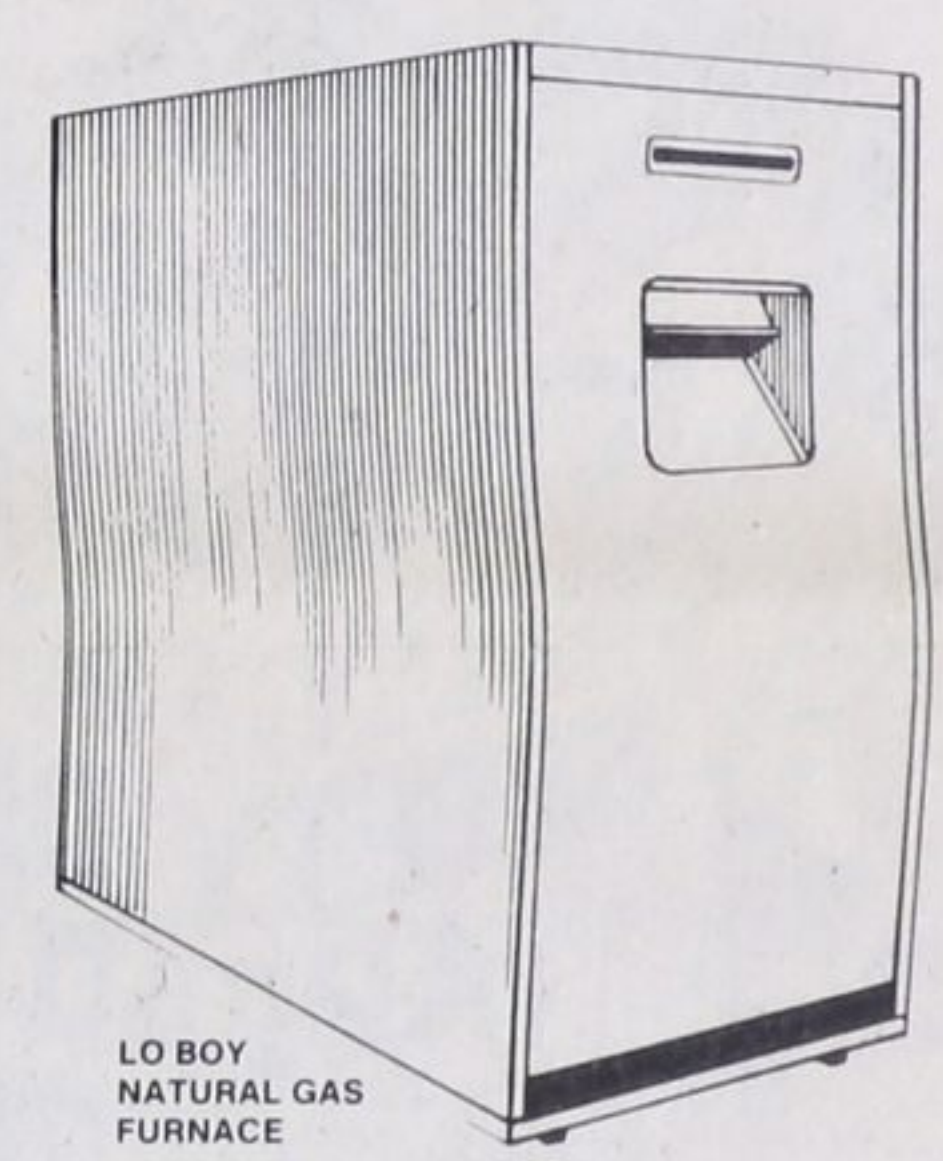
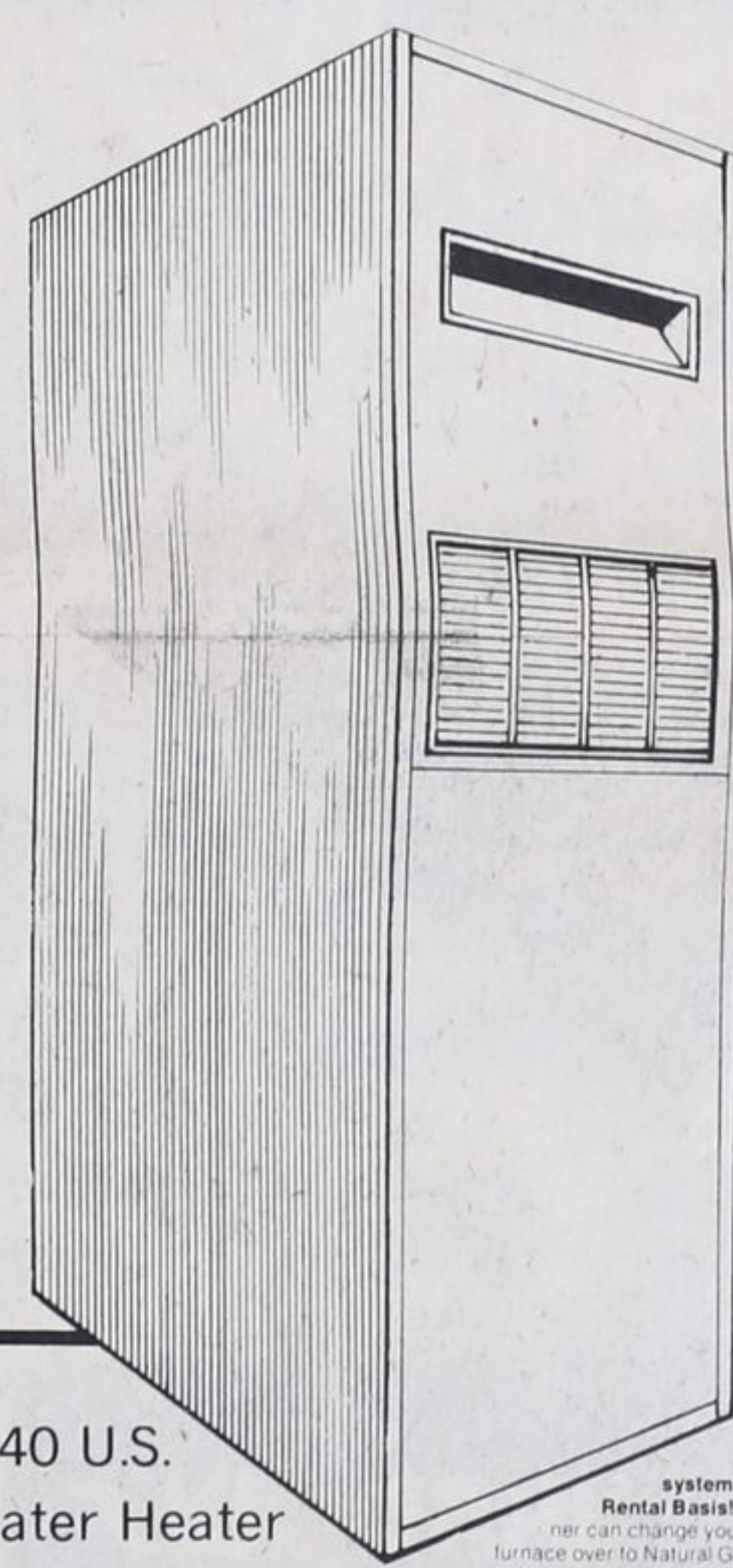
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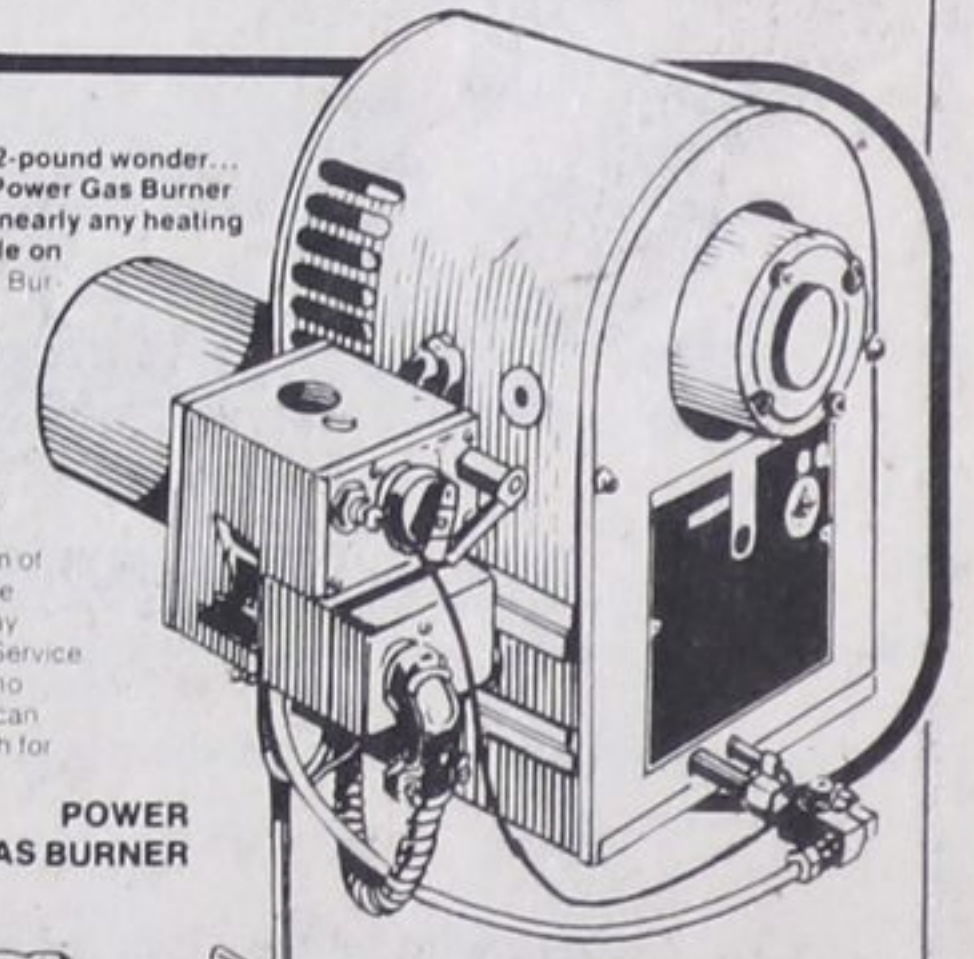

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