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Launching FoodShare: Pupils from Brown Elementary School, from left, Annie Fahlenbock, 5, Graham Slaght, 6, Charlie Fahlenbock, 10, and Alex Smith, 10, present Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton

(right) and Shelley Peterson (second from right) with foodstuffs to kick off the FoodShare drive yesterday in the Mayor's office. Do-reen Norris, principal of Brown, looks on.

FoodShare starts blitz to feed Metro poor

By Robin Harvey Toronto Star

Metro is being asked to open its hearts and cupboards this week in a five-day blitz to help the hungry and needy.

The program, sponsored by the City of Toronto and FoodShare, kicked off yesterday when students from Brown Elementary School presented a basket of food to Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton and Shelley Peterson, wife of Ontario Premier David Peterson.

Five-year-old Annie Fahlenbock, a senior kindergarten student from the school, said last night she was participating in the project "because there are people that were hungry in Toronto and they needed some food. I feel kind of bad because they need help and are hungry."

50 schools

Brown Elementary is one of about 50 schools across Metro involved in the food drive, say spokesmen for FoodShare, a co-ordinating and educational agency to help Metro's hungry. Much of the 25 green plastic bags full of canned and packaged goods collected by students at the school was donated to Stop 103, one of Metro's largest emergency food centres.

Stop 103's Rev. Dennis Drainville said last week his food supplies ran "dangerously low" and the students' donations were well appreciated.

This year from November to the end of January, the centre will have assisted about 4,300 people compared with only about 2,800 during the same time last year, he said. More than 1,700 people are expected this month alone, he said.

Many of the more than 70 Metro agencies who will benefit from the drive have reported a dramatic increase in the request for emergency food this past year. Katharine Rajczak spokesman for FoodShare, said.

People may take their donations to any postal station, fire hall, Knob Hill Farms outlet or the rotunda at Toronto City Hall, Rajczak said.

Today, the drive is sponsoring a workshop on the causes of hunger at the Cecil Community Centre at 58 Cecil Street. Speakers will include Stop 103's Drainville and David Thornley of the Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto.

People interested in joining the drive should call 861-0311.

Ex-LCBO head ordered silence on tainted wines, inquiry told

By Darcy Henton Toronto Star

Former Liquor Control Board of Ontario chairman William Bosworth issued a spoken order that kept the discovery of ethyl carbamate contamination in wines a secret for 3½ years, a royal commission has been told.

Retired chief chemist Percy Clarke testified yesterday that Bosworth issued the order May 11, 1982, after he was informed that the potentially cancer-causing chemical had been found in 55 of 60 Bright's Wines products tested.

"He said, 'Say nothing about this for the time being,'" Clarke told an inquiry into the marketing and testing of Ontario liquors. "This information then became information we would not talk freely about to anybody."

Bosworth was out of the country and unavailable for comment last night. He is expected to testify Wednesday before inquiry commissioner John Osler.

Clarke said Bosworth, who retired in 1984, issued the order after questioning him about how many people knew about the contamination problem.

'Who knows?'

"The commissioner said, 'Who knows about this?'" Clarke said. "I said, 'Only two or three people.'"

He said Bosworth then instructed him and Jack Couillard, assistant general manager of stock purchasing and quality control, to work with Bright's Wines to resolve the problem.

The 69-year-old retired chemist said he believed Bosworth issued the secrecy order to protect Bright's Wines from bad publicity.

"I think the idea of it being secret was the cost to the winery of

being accused of something based on partial information," Clarke said, adding that it "could be very costly in reputation and dollars. There was also the possibility of misinformation getting out."

Clarke, who testified at times in a voice that was barely audible, said no one suggested at the meeting that the information should be taken to federal authorities or that the products should be removed from liquor store shelves.

"I think it was in everyone's head, but it was not specifically spelled out as an alternative," he said.

No one suggested that other wineries be notified because Bright's products were the first products in which the contamination was discovered, he said.

"The question was: Did all Bright's (products) have it? And we were still working on the question: Do all Canadian wines have it?" Clarke said.

"At this stage, I think it was desirable to still gather more information on all Ontario wines and on all ports and sheries, possibly before any action to delist (remove contaminated products) was taken."

Clarke said that while it was normal procedure to remove contaminated products and alert federal food and drug officials about violations of their regulations, there was no standard at the time for ethyl carbamate.

Ethyl carbamate, a byproduct of the fermentation process, causes cancer in animals, but no proof exists that it causes cancer in humans.

Clarke said a meeting was set up with Bosworth, Couillard, himself and several Bright's representatives May 12, 1982, to discuss the problem.

'Were surprised'

"I think by their reaction they were surprised — shocked — to hear it," Clarke said.

He said Bosworth told the winery officials that a method of eliminating the ethyl carbamate would have to be found or the products would be eliminated.

Although Bosworth hinted the board might not sell the products if they weren't improved, "this action was not spelled out at the time," Clarke said.

Another meeting was arranged for the following day.

Several samples of Bright's products were brought to the board laboratory May 14, 1982, for ethyl carbamate testing and other tests were conducted on additional samples over several weeks, he said.

Clarke said that when Bright's and board officials traced the contamination to the use of large quantities of a yeast food called urea in the fermentation process, he recommended that other wineries be notified of the discovery.

The inquiry continues.

two grocery bags, after shopping at three stores for "deals."

Morin's father testified yesterday that he could even remember the color of the store logo on one of the bags his son was carrying.

The father admitted soon after that he was unclear on other details of the day, including the number of cars the family owned.

The trial continues today.

Mississauga's building boom tops in area

By Mike Funston Toronto Star

Mississauga's building boom exploded in 1985 with a near-record \$649 million worth of construction — a 50 per cent jump over the previous year and tops among Metro-area municipalities.

"It's been an outstanding year and all signs point to 1986 being just as good or better," building commissioner Alex Franks said yesterday.

"Our performance exceeds every municipality in Metro, including Toronto, at \$572 million, North York at \$411 million (that city's all-time high) and Scarborough at \$483.5 million," said Franks.

That's good news for Mississauga because, in addition to the jobs being created, the more money municipalities get from development the less they have to rely on property taxes.

The fact it borders Metro, has lower property taxes, and a surplus of fully serviced land available at competitive rates will continue to make Mississauga the hot spot for builders for years to come, Franks said.

Last year permits were issued for 4,135 new dwelling units, mostly single-family houses, with a value of \$360 million, and 265 industrial and commercial buildings worth \$270 million. Other projects such as schools and churches make up the remaining \$19 million.

It's not my fault, it's your radar that's defective... the different-sized tires on the back... the vibrations from the hood ornament... the wind blowing the car along."

"I'm on my way to an appointment/work/show/funeral/wedding/the game/doctor/lawyer/drugstore/racetrack."

Of course, if there is some genuine emergency, Metro policemen on radar duty will let you go. They'll even provide an escort to, say, the hospital.

But, if you're late for an appointment, forget it. "People live in their own little worlds," sighs one officer. "They think it's very important for them to get somewhere. But they're breaking the law, and that's it."

Which explains why Meharg always appreciates this line:

"Okay officer. Ya got me. I deserve it."

How often does he hear that one?

"Very, very seldom."

Leafs scraping bottom

How low can the Maple Leafs go?

Well, judging by sweater sales at one of T.O.'s leading sports regalia stores, our heroes are scraping bottom.

"Would you believe," asks Irv Pludwinski of The Locker Room, "we have more demand for Hartford Whaler sweaters than Leaf stuff?"

No, no. It can't be! "I tell ya, we're selling more New Jersey Devils shirts than Leafs. Also Flyers, Black Hawks and Canadiens."

The hated Habs outselling the Leafs on Yonge St? Too much!

Mind you, the lack of interest in the Leafs gives Irv more shelf space for the really big sellers.

"We're stockpiling Blue Jay stuff now. Last year, we were sold out in August."

Metro Toronto

Tonight: Cloudy, low -16, says Environment Canada. West winds 30-40 km/h.

Tomorrow: Cloudy. Low -15, high -3.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, a few flurries, windy. Low -12, high -4.

Friday: Mainly sunny. Low -14, high -3.

Air pollution: Today's Toronto air pollution index at 1 a.m., 10. Yesterday's 4 p.m. index was 10 in Toronto, 7 in Hamilton and 3 in St. Catharines. Below 32 is satisfactory.

Calendar

Sunrise 7:39 a.m., sunset 5:24 p.m. Daylight 9 hours and 45 minutes. Moon full, rises 8:10 p.m., sets 9:20 a.m.

Downcast yesterday: Snowfall to 5 p.m., 5.8 cms. Temperatures -15.5 to -2.8 or 4:10 27F, average was -9.2. (Normal low is -8.2, high -1.6 or 17 and 29, average is -4.9. It was 4.3C below normal.

At the international airport: Snowfall to 8 p.m., 2.6 cms. Low -15.5 at 9 a.m., High -4.2 at 2 a.m., Airport average -9.9C (14F). Relative humidity last night 65%. Record lows, highs, today's date: -25 in 1873, high 11 in 1916.

The Weather

Ontario

Southern Ontario: It will be mostly cloudy with scattered flurries and continuing cold today. Warmer weather will return tomorrow.

Northern Ontario: It will become mostly sunny today but temperatures will remain on the cold side.

Canada

Forecast for today

British Columbia: Mostly cloudy, high 8.

Yukon: Cloudy south, high -13, clear in north, high -35.

Alberta: Chinook in south, high 8; flurries elsewhere.

Saskatchewan: Mostly cloudy, some light snow, high -8.

Manitoba: Flurries, high -12.

Quebec: Light snow, high -18.

Maritimes: Rain ending, turning colder. High 10.

Newfoundland: Showers and fog, high 9.

Compiled by Jim Lewis

The world

Forecasts for today. No rain or snow unless stated.

United States: Atlanta -17, -6; Boston -5, -5; Chicago -19, -9; New York -10, -5; Orlando -7, 7; Phoenix 9-26; Tampa -4, 9; Washington -10, -4.

Yesterday's lows, highs. No rain or snow unless stated.

Europe: Aberdeen -1, 3; Amsterdam 0-4; Athens 6-13; Dublin 3-6; Frankfurt -6, 3; Geneva -4, 2; Kiev -1, 2; Lisbon 5-13; London 1-4; Madrid -3, 11; Moscow 2-3; Paris -3, 3; Rome 3-9; San Francisco -5, -3; Stockholm -1, 1; Warsaw -1, 1; snow.

Asia, Australia: Hong Kong 10-16; Jerusalem 5-14; New Delhi 7-22; Peking -9, 5; Seoul -12, -3; Singapore 23-29; Tokyo -1, 8.

South America: Buenos Aires 22-32; Caracas 15-27; Santiago 15-30; Sao Paulo 19-26.

Africa: Cairo 10-20; Johannesburg 16-27; Sydney 19-26.

Resorts: Lowest lows and highs. Snows clear or partly cloudy unless otherwise stated.

Islands: Barbados 21-28; Bermuda 17-22; cloudy; Curacao 22-29; Guadeloupe 18-28; Kingston 22-29; Montego Bay 19-29; Nassau 15-26; St. Thomas 21-29; Trinidad 25-31.

Mexico, U.S.: Acapulco 22-30, cloudy; Mexico City 7-24, cloudy; Miami Beach 8-26, overcast; Orlando 5-18 overcast; Palm Springs 8-27; Tampa 9-18, rain; Tucson 9-26.

Ontario

Today's lows, highs

Windsor -19, -9
St. Thomas -21, -12
London -21, -13
Kitchener -24, -14
Mount Forest -25, -16
Windsor -24, -15
Owen Sound -23, -14
Muskoka -24, -15
Hamilton -20, -12
St. Catharines -20, -10
Toronto -23, -16
Kingston -24, -15
Oshawa -25, -22
Peterborough -23, -16
North Bay -29, -16
Sudbury -30, -16
Timmins -38, -23
Kenora -38, -24
Moosonee -40, -22
Sault Ste. Marie -25, -13
Thunder Bay -30, -15

Outside Ontario

Vancouver -3, 8
Victoria -3, 8
White Sulph. -5, -13
Yellowknife -30, -20
Edmonton -3, -9
Calgary -3, 0
Regina, E. snow -6, -8
Winnipeg, for 2, -4
Montreal snow -20, -20
Quebec snow -20, -18
Halifax, for 5, 10
Fredericton, for 5, 8
Charlottetown, for 5, 10
St. John's, snow 2, 7

Star's weather service

Note: Six months sunny or partly cloudy or cloudy, few showers or drizzle. Metric: -30C = -22F, -25C = -13F, -20C = -4F, -15C = 5F, -10C = 14F, -5C = 23F, 5C = 41F.

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