



AT WORK — Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock works on a quilt in her Allenford home. The braided rug is the one she started 13 years ago when she was told she had cancer and she decided to use up the material in her store room.

Mrs. Gowanlock has extended her collecting to include dessert plates which range from hand-painted oriental patterns to German, Austrian and Bavarian pieces. Some were made before the company's name or pattern were ever printed on the underside.

The Gowanlock living room has a collection of bells. These include solid brass camel bells from Iran. They weigh 23 pounds. The hanging string once dropped on the head of a grandson. He still has the scar.

There are harness bells dating back to 1878, a teacher's desk bell, a school bell, copper sheep bells, cutter bells, Bells of Sarna, a bell from Mexico in the shape of an angel, and even a bottle opener bell which can be traced to Pretzel Bell Tavern. There are china bells and glass bells in the collection.

Her spoon collection is on a wall in the kitchen and her antique toothpick holders are displayed on a small corner-cupboard.

Unusual articles about the home include clay donkey beads from Iran, a Nova Scotia star flower pitcher, a wedding gift to her parents, and a wicker carpet beater which is prominently displayed over the kitchen door. There are those who claim the Gowanlock children's manners and good conduct can be attributed to that carpet beater.

Mrs. Gowanlock makes delightful Raggedy Anne dolls and unusual Red Riding Hood dolls which, when completely inverted, become the grandmother from the famous fable. Her old fashioned sewing lady dolls have spools of thread tucked under the bustle, a thimble in the hat, scissors in the umbrella and a tape measure in the purse.

Mrs. Gowanlock is a great reader and is surrounded by books in her farm home. She also keeps a unique recording system. It doesn't matter the event, or the occasion, she seems able to immediately pick up a book of pictures and recorded details recall it.

Perhaps one of her most unusual "recordings" is a book of pictures and marriage licences of members of the family, even before licences were issued. The one "licence" is nothing more than a paper signed by the minister.

Mrs. Gowanlock and her husband, Maurice, raised six children including Maureen, Mrs. Craig of Palmerston, Frank, Halifax, Frances, Mrs. Ron Calhoun of Thamesford, a foster daughter; LeRoy, Dashwood, Annice, Mrs. John Blake, Barrie, and Phyllis Gowanlock of Listowel. There are 22 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition, Nellie Gowanlock finds time for gardening, feeding the birds, singing in the church choir, the Anglican Church Women where she is currently vice president of the deanery. She has been more than 40 years in Women's Institute work, having been Bruce Centre district president, and is presently president of the Elsinore branch. For about 12 years she has taught 4-H girls, teaching two courses a year with eight lessons in each course.

Of all her interests, top priority goes to young people. "I like kids, I like working with kids. My kids fight for me and I fight for them whether giggling girls or boisterous boys."