

# A Valentine to Brockton

To the editor:

## Sense and Nonsense

Roses are red and violets are blue,  
If violets were red and roses were blue,  
What do you think Brian Folmer would do?  
Or Maple Creek Landscaping – either would do.  
They'd should from the skies their remarkable find,  
And display these strange flowers, leaving others behind.

But for those who put farming ahead in their game  
Seek out Gerald Poechman, now of national fame  
(CBC Radio 1, January 30/99)  
And see Brockton rise as never before  
As city fold gradually flock to our door.  
We've got what it takes, entrepreneurship and more  
Maple Leafs? We've got 'em by the millions – galore!

And if Brockton's' unable to meet all your needs,  
Don't burn up your gas seeking alternative leads  
Take your beef to the council, who will strive to assist  
In matters you feel have been neglected – amiss,  
And together, let's pull till our town's once again  
The heartland of Bruce – the seedland of fame.

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The seniors have helped with their money and knowledge  
So don't underestimate them in their dotage;  
They've contributed much to as the years have passed by,  
And their love for this land leaves no need to ask why  
While for some who must leave to get more education,  
You'll find they come back when it's time for vacation  
And when once again the years come full circle,  
They'll come back again for where else will be the miracle  
Of snow storms and sunsets and autumns aglow  
Inspire and bring memories like few others know!

So if roses were blue and violets were red  
Think of all the disturbances these ideas will have shed  
Our rhyming for Valentine's Day would be shattered  
Though it's poet might not even think that it mattered!

Evelyn Wismer  
Walkerton

## Bruce WI keeps busy

Adamsville and Allenford WI were hostesses for the Bruce County District Women's Institute director's meeting on March 2 at the Presbyterian Church in Allenford.

President Linda Freiburger chaired the meeting. Secretary treasurer Doreen McAdam gave report sheets to the district convenors to be filled in and sent on to area after the annual meeting. Roots of Bruce will be held April 10-12 for Grade 6 students in the county. The institute branches will be serving a hot meal each day to the volunteers.

Judy MacKinnon, Tweedsmuir curator, announced that the Unforgettable display at the museum has been extended until the end of April.

The District Annual will be held May 24 at the Elmwood Community Centre with Arkwright, Belmore, Bervie, Bluebell and Brant Greenock branches in charge.

Bruce County Rally will be in Tiverton on October 2. Branches from Brucevale, Burgoyne, Colpoys Bay, Eden Grove Cargill and Gillies Hill will prepare for the program as Rally Day is to be a fun day.

### Guest speaker

Following lunch, Sandra Yates spoke about Habitat for Humanity. Grey Bruce Habitat for Humanity is building a home in Tara August 11-25. They are looking for volunteers to help with the building of the home, lodging for them and serving meals. There are 40-60 volunteers for the two week period.

For more information, call Yates at 934-1218 or Grey Bruce Habitat for Humanity, Box 294, Owen Sound, Ontario N4K 5P3.

## Solway WI sees New Zealand through slides brought by guests

The members of Solway Institute showed slides of New Zealand, as Bert and Hazel Caslick have been there on three occasions to visit their daughter Jill and her husband Chris and family.

It is quite a mountainous country with lots of beautiful water falls and the water is so blue there are lots of places that would make beautiful wall pictures or hangings.

There are quite a few large milking herds as they aren't in barns over winter they can have big herds of sheep as they can forage the hill-

sides.

After the winter of so much cold and snow, it was a treat to see green grass, even if it was only on film.

Surrounding institutes were invited as were their husbands.

Readings and contests for the amusement of those present.

Birthday prizes and a door prize helped make the night fun.

Elda Threndyle showed the ladies how to make a rose from dried apple slices.

Laverne Porter thanked the Haslicks and presented them with a potted plant.

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The Solway Women's Institute marked 50 years on May 30. Pictured are members, back from left: Margaret Liefso, Hazel Caslick, Helen Brown, Ethel Ernest and Helen Thomson. Front: Edna Schlorff, Shirley Vance, Gladys Huntley, Laverne Porter, Elda Threndyle, Doris Osterndorff and Archatta Brocklebank.