

## Six week honeymoon trip in Europe follows wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn J. M. Groer were married July 8. The bride is the former Miss Vanja Gyllenhammar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gyllenhammar, Downview, Ontario and is a recent graduate of the Ontario College of Art.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Groer, Burlington, and grandson of Mrs. Frank Day, Rockwood and was graduated from the University of Toronto, where he received his B.A. Sc. degree in Industrial Engineering.

The couple have left for a six weeks honeymoon in Europe.



## Theft, three break-ins among complaints

During the week of July 21 to 27, Officers of Milton Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, investigated one theft complaint, three reported break-ins, three disturbances, and one Liquor investigation resulting in one person being charged under the Liquor Control Act, Cpl. K. Klingman reports.



DOUGLAS HUMPHRIES

A total of 12 accidents were investigated including one fatal accident in which a person riding on the running-board of a truck fell off and was run over by the same vehicle; four injury accidents resulting in five persons being injured and seven property damage accidents with property damage totalling \$3,740. Causes of accidents were, dangerous driving, careless driving, failed to signal, and inexperience of driver. There were five charges laid as a result of those accidents.

## A strange beesness

For almost three decades Doug Leslie of 1096 Dorry Road East, near Hornby has been working around bees.

What occurred at his home Saturday, however, was a first as far as he is concerned.

Mr. Leslie left his truck, loaded with empty bee hives, sitting in the yard while he went to deliver water for Hornby Garden Party.

During his absence a flight of bees, estimated at around 10,000 flew over, noticed the truck, and established it as their new home.

"It's the first time I've ever seen strange bees enter the hives," said Mr. Leslie.

He plans to put his new flock to work making honey in the back yard.

## Strike

Brown, says long distance phone calls are up between 10 and 15 per cent. She has four extra operators in each day to handle the increase.

On some days, packages sent by bus have doubled in number. But Len Adams explains that with some plants closed down for holidays and many people away, the amount of deliveries would normally be down.

Thus the number of extra packages doesn't result in too much of a burden for the bus drivers. Police work has not been much hampered by the strike, according to Corp. Ray Mason. By special temporary arrangement, many of their reports and documents are now delivered personally.

Generally those charged with certain minor traffic infractions can plead guilty and send the fine through the mail. Since this isn't possible, the person, if absent, is assumed guilty in court. Thus there's not much difference in this respect. There was no remarkable increase in attendance at court this week as a direct result of the strike.

One out-of-town businessman drove to Acton one night last week to collect a sizeable cheque owing him, to pay his employees. Minor irritations become increasingly common. For instance, an Actonian, flying to Europe today, doesn't know if her relatives got her letter telling her time of arrival.

## Engineers recommend accept low tender sewage disposal plant

Council has received a recommendation from the engineers that they accept the low tender for the addition to the water pollution control plant (sewage plant).

I. F. Duffel and G. Henry of R. Y. Anderson Associates reported to a committee meeting, July 8, that a detailed comparison of the four tenders submitted were both realistic and competitive. They ranged from a low of \$672,538 to a high of \$775,292 - away above the original cost estimate.

The engineers listed five contributing factors for an increase of 48 per cent in cost of the addition. They reminded council

tender credits of \$27,580 could be exercised if it was felt necessary but advised against it. "It would just be a case of putting off the inevitable," said the clerk-administrator.

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## Major increase during '68 - O.P.P.

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Traffic Patrols of 730 miles, accumulated during the 102 hours worked, saw 3 motor vehicle accidents investigated. All accidents were of a minor nature, resulting in only \$210.00 to the six vehicles involved. However, six other drivers who committed violations that could readily have resulted in accidents received summons to Milton Traffic Court. In addition, 11 motorists were issued warnings regarding offenses they had committed.

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Fifty-six motor vehicle accidents have been investigated so far this year, while the fifty-sixth accident of 1967 occurred on September 19. The number of injuries incurred and the amount of property damage done in these accidents has increased at a similar rate.

Liquor seizures in 1967 averaged slightly less than 2.5 per month, but 1968 has seen an average of over three convictions per month thus far.

In order to combat this dramatic rise in our occurrence rate, we have been forced to reassess our enforcement program. Results of this reassessment readily demonstrate the

only possible solution to the problem. Criminal, Liquor and traffic charges laid, as well as convictions registered, have increased by a minimum of 10 per cent and in some instances by as much as 35 per cent.

It is not our wish to apply a stringent enforcement policy, but we have no other recourse in our efforts to curtail needless loss, injury and damage as well as wanton disregard for laws meant for the good of the people.

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mitted by a minority, but do you realize that traffic infractions are committed by a majority? And, whether the offence be Criminal, Liquor or Traffic, it is an offence, an offence against the laws formulated by your representative in Government.

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## Local News Items

--The Robert Little auditorium is being painted.

--Just a year ago everybody was talking about Expo.

--The next public holiday... Monday, August 5, Civic Holiday.

--No grade 13 exam results to watch for this year.

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--The gardeners who worked so hard in the spring are enjoying the fruits of the labors now -- and the vegetables.

--The Guelph branch of the Canadian Save the Children fund has set up a relief fund for Biafran refugees. There are three fully-equipped Save the Children medical teams already in Nigeria.

--Plans are being made and entries sought for Guelph's annual "Painting on the Green" to be held the middle of August.

## Georgetown is Moose Falls

GEORGETOWN - Guelph. Moose Falls may be flashing on the picture tube as early as September.

The series, originally to have been 10 shows, has been extended to 17 shows, two of which are set in Georgetown. The show's producer last year chose Georgetown to be Moose Falls, Durgins' home town.

In the fall, exterior scenes for the episode, A Time for Hymns and Brandywine, were filmed on Knox Presbyterian Church-lawn, Church St., Mill St. and along Main St. business section.

Recently, the Durgins camera crew, actors, make-up and sound people, plus carpenters have revisited the town to film scenes for another installment entitled "The Night Nothing Happened." These were shot on the Sacred Heart property on Guelph St. and downtown.

A Time for Hymns and Brandywine deals with a political tug-of-war involving the town's wet and dries, while The Night Nothing Happened centres around an alleged UFO sighting.

Gordon Pinsent plays the title role in the popular series which was dropped by the CBC last year, but being reintroduced in a one hour format.

Such other well known Canadian actors as Paul Kilgman, Bud Knapp, Eric House, Alton Soaton, Ed McNamara, Jack Evans, John Clayton, Leo Laydon, will appear in the scenes filmed here.

Mr. Lowe said Georgetown will continue to be used whenever a script call for footage of Durgins' home town.

## Alexander Near was farmer township councillor, musician

A well-known Nassagaweya farmer, Alexander Near died in Guelph General Hospital on July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Near had retired from the farm to 63 Lake Ave., Acton, some years ago, and she survives him.

Mr. Near was very active for many years in municipal life. He was on Nassagaweya township council for years and while he was reeve, also served on county council. He was a member of the county Treas. Commission and the County Fence Commission, and was chairman of each at one time.

He was a member of the original county Court of Revision until last fall.

While he lived in Nassagaweya he was a member of the township planning board, and also of the county planning association. He had been on both boards since their inception.

When he first came to Acton, he was a member of Acton planning board. He belonged to Acton Agricultural Society and was a member of Walker Lodge.

A talented violinist, he played for years in orchestras for dances throughout the countryside.

Son of the late Thomas Near and Margaret Sinclair, both from Erin township, he was born in Nassagaweya township where he lived most of his life. He married the former Evelyn V. McLaughlin. Also surviving is

one brother, William M. Near of Kitchener. A sister, Mary predeceased him.

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday, July 20, conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Pallbearers were Walker Lodge members Doug Mason, Mansell Nellis, Cal McIntyre, Bob Winton, Herb Ritchie and Lorne Youngblut. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

A Masonic service was held at the funeral home the previous evening.

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## Eye Milton's nearby source Village sources contaminated

By Bob Burt

For most people today fresh clean water and its 1,001 daily uses are paid for when the bill comes in, but other than that it is used without a thought about where it comes from or over running out of it.

The situation, however, is somewhat different in the Milton Heights and Port area west of Milton where 70 per cent of the water supply is unfit for human consumption unless treated.

The problem has grown in the last two years but for some of the area residents it goes back a long time. Mrs. May Arpa, who lives on the Town Line in Milton Heights told the Free Press her well was polluted when she moved there 25 years ago.

Mrs. Arpa along with several residents in the area have been compelled to buy water. They pay \$7 per thousand gallons and store it in the well and a cistern near the well.

"We realize it will be expensive, but I'm willing to pay so we can have water like everyone else. The first thing I want to do is to put an indoor washroom in," she said. Without the water available they have had to make do with an outdoor toilet and sponge baths.

Water has to be boiled before it is used. Although her family has never been sick from the water Mrs. Arpa's doctor has advised her to boil the water for anything she plans to eat or drink because of her ulcers. "We can't even have a decent cup of tea or coffee," she said.

Mrs. Arpa said the water looked okay while it boiled, but when the ingredients were added the heavy lime content became evident.

"In the case of a fire we would just have to stand back and let it go," she said. "We wouldn't have any choice." Mrs. Arpa has to do laundry twice a week and each time it means a trip to the laundromat in town.

About three of the homes in the district had their water rated A-1 but others were rated far below that. Some neighbors who have good water supply it for two or three neighboring homes but others are unable to do this. Some have none at all; others have it but cannot use it.

According to Dr. L. M. Stewart, Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Halton County, the problem is a result of increasing population. Dr. Stewart explained the land in the troubled

area has poor absorption qualities and as more and more people built houses, more and more effluent was pumped into the soil.

Finally with the added burden on the soil it becomes tired and causes a seepage into wells, making water unfit for consumption.

Although his water supply is still drinkable, Mr. Sosnoski said there were odors from his well after a heavy rain.

Dr. Stewart said tapping the nearby town water main from Glen Eden Lake to Milton would be the most feasible solution. "The Milton line bypasses these homes by only a few yards and this would be considerably cheaper than setting up their own municipal supply," he said.

The only other alternative would be to dig deeper wells. Dr. Stewart said this could solve the problem in some cases, but it could cause the residents to go to considerable expense and labor with no guarantee of a solution.

Milton was approached about two years ago for water and at that time council felt it necessary to know the outcome of the annexation hearing. Milton's ability to service the increased area was a factor in the annexation discussions.

Approximately 107 homes and about 400 people are affected by the poor water and there is no cheap or simple solution. Officials from Nassagaweya and Esqueping townships and delegates affected by pollution met last Monday and decided to approach Milton for water.

Water bills would be about \$6.50 per month, which is the rate for Milton residents. It would cost another \$200 or \$300 to pipe water off the main line into the individual homes.

If the affected areas hooked on to the Milton line it would cost an estimated \$200,000 -- which would mean repayment to Q.W.R.C. at seven per cent over 20 years and a total of \$377,000.

Jack Sosnoski, a resident of Milton Heights, said he and several other local men would form a committee to investigate the problem.

Mr. Sosnoski said he was looking for a long range solution to the problem. He indicated his committee would ask both Nassagaweya and Esqueping councils for financial help. He favored tapping Milton's water rather

than digging a deeper well or building their own system.

About 90 per cent of the people affected live in Esqueping while the remainder live in Nassagaweya. Nassagaweya Reeve William Coulter said he felt the onus should not be put on Milton.

"If they have enough water to supply us that would be fine, but they have problems of their own." He referred to Milton's need for water to supply the increased area since annexation was granted.

In the meantime the Department of Health has put a halt to any further development of that area until water is available.

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