



By Wendy Thomson

In the mail last week were Christmas cards from two ladies, one in Acton, and one in Guelph, with lovely notes telling me how much they enjoyed this column.

I was absolutely delighted with them and keep them right on hand (which to me, means a shelf in the kitchen), to re-read when things go wrong. I guarantee they'll be the most read Christmas cards ever. Mrs. McEachern from Guelph, said, "I am sure we have all found ourselves in the same predicaments at one time or another," and my first reaction was "Good heavens, no!"

The thought of thousands of women in wrecked cars sliding around the road with their eyes shut, of thousands of cross-eyed dogs and millions of unblinking cats lined up in countless kitchens, and of swarms of honking geese descending on neighbours' daffodils, was overwhelming for a minute. Then common sense took over. I guess that problems which seem unique to our family, aren't really.

For instance, I dream about losing my teeth. In my dreams they just start falling out and rattling around in my mouth no matter how hard I try to stick them back in. Gogd is always threatening to ripfully remove them so I won't have to worry, and won't keep waking him up with my nightmares.

I wonder how many women have this problem. I know of three others the wife of an Acton doctor, the wife of a Georgetown horseman, and the wife of a Markham writer. If men have the same dream, I haven't heard of one, but then, of course, I seldom talk teeth with men.

By the way, two nights ago I found a possible solution. I went back to sleep and dreamt in a third set of teeth.

Some predicaments I've been in, I've never been quite able to explain to Gogd. How do you tell your husband that the lightbulb shattered in your hand as you were trying to unscrew it? I was at a loss to explain how I cut my hands the same hand that was holding the knife that did the cutting.

How can you convince a man that you are in your right mind, but just forgot that the cookie sheet would be hot, and reached into a 375 degree oven without mitts? Gogd says he's going to start introducing me with, "This is my wife, Bumble."

Mrs. McEachern ends her note with "Please don't lose your sense of humor." I hope I don't, as some days it's all that makes things bearable. Today, the dream pump on the washing machine wasn't working and I emptied it by draining it into my canner, then dumping it into the laundry tubs. When I switched on the

Barbara Mercer, Richard Doyle Christmas ceremony

Daughter of former residents of Acton, Barbara Anne Mercer was married to Richard Wayne Doyle in Rowntree United Church, London. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan John Charlton Mercer, 140 Taylor St., London, a graduate of the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls. She is employed at Westminster Hospital, London.

The groom, a student at the Horticultural College at Niagara Falls, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Doyle, Point Edward.

Christmas trees, white mums and candles decorated the church for the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. performed by the Rev. Norman Jones. Mrs. Jean Burr was organist, Miss Jacqueline Grundy was soloist, singing the Wedding Prayer.

The bride wore a white velvet gown with mandarin neckline and cathedral train with applied trim and the veil had matching appliques. She carried a nosegay of deep red roses and baby mums encircled with holly.

The bride's attendants all wore floor-length Victorian style dresses of moss green velvet trimmed with white lace. Their headresses were small lace-trimmed pillbox hats in matching velvet. They carried nosegays of red and white carnations and baby mums, encircled with variegated holly.

They were Miss Carol Kay as maid of honor and bridesmaids Miss Marianne Andres, Mrs. Paul Goddard and Miss Ellen Mercer, the bride's sister.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Groomsmen were Bud Doyle, uncle of the groom, Ushers were John Griffith, Douglas Dalby and Tom Mercer, brother of the bride.

The evening reception was held at the Carousel Motor Hotel. The bride's mother wore a pure silk brocade dress in blue and silver with matching blue accessories and a pink orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a shocking pink dress with applique trim and matching hat, black accessories and a pink corsage.

The couple left to spend the Christmas season in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. They will be living in Niagara Falls on their return.

The bride for travelling wore a camel hair coat, orange hat, brown accessories, wool dress in camel shade with gold trim and a Christmas corsage.

Special guests at the wedding included the great grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Wilkinson, grandparents of the groom Mr. and Mrs. Saylor and Mr. and Mrs. H. Doyle; and the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Veda Mercer.

Guests were present from Acton, Chicago, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Sarna and St. Marys.

A trousseau tea was held at the home of the bride's parents, and there were showers in London and Sarna.

Swiss treat

A special holiday treat for the Swiss is "birewedge", a pear cake which contains a spicy, flavorful concentrate from air-dried pears mixed with raisins and resembling a shiny loaf of bread. Also traditional is a Christmas cookie, the "Tirgel," said to have originated as an early German sacrificial cake.

Free Press Personals

Miss Susan Heard is home for holidays from Clinton.

Mr. Hugh Patterson is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Miss Mary Chalmers of Toronto spent Christmas in Acton with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Norton and other relatives.

Miss Julie Lesnewich of Preston visited Acton friends on Boxing Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Coles of Guelph spent Christmas with relatives in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood and Steven of St. Catharines visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ironside, Diane, Laurie and Neil of Toronto visited Acton friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Brada and family of Kingston visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brada.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Currie and boys of Dundas visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie and other Acton relatives.

Mrs. R. Algie spent a few days with her son Mr. Bruce Algie and sons in Barrie during Christmas week.

Mrs. Alex Near spent Christmas with relatives in Kitchener and Waterloo.

Miss Robina C. Clark spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pateau and sons in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLeod spent Christmas with daughter and family in Ottawa.

Mrs. R. M. MacDonald had Mrs. W. T. A. Bell of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Small of Niagara Falls and Mr. Jim Small of Waterloo University with her on Christmas.

Mrs. M. McAuley is spending a Christmas vacation with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ritchie and Mr. Ritchie, near Lucknow.

Mrs. Allen Smith and Wanetta Smith spent Christmas Day in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and also visited other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Willis of Oxford, Nova Scotia, are visiting with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith and granddaughter Leslie in Toronto before leaving for Florida on a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Macpherson spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gordon and Allen at Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsay and daughters were also guests at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacDonald of Brigidon, and their son, Mr. Kenneth J. MacDonald, of Belleville, called on their cousin, Mrs. J. C. Dennis, last week.

Peter Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Taylor, was home for the Christmas holidays. Peter is a civilian-Radio-Telex operator with the G.P.P. at Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

Now Milton's clerk, Mr. Jack McGeachie and Mrs. McGeachie entertained former colleagues from Acton council Friday evening, at their new home in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. John East and family spent Christmas in Woodbridge with Mrs. A. East, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conron and Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston were guests at a pre-Christmas gathering and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clark.

Miss Jane Elliott is holidaying in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. G. A. Dilks.

Mrs. Mary Graham visited during the holiday week in Guelph with her sister, Mrs. Annie Sockett, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Lang of Montreal spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Tom Watson, Mr. Watson and family.

Miss Mary Beth Elliott is home from Windsor with her family for holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McHugh and family of Scarborough were in town with relatives over the holiday.

Mrs. McLean and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon, Miss Diane Dixon of Milton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William A. McLean, Earl and Frances McLean, near Erin.

Home from Lagos, Nigeria, for holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hurst. He is with the Canadian government there. They are visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst, Arthur St.

Christmas and their 50th wedding anniversary were combined celebrations this year for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize. Spending Christmas and Boxing Day with them and son Mr. Bill Mainprize were daughter Mrs. Frank Egan, Mr. Egan and boys of Guelph; son Jack Mainprize, Mrs. Mainprize, Susan, David and Janet of Montreal.

GREETINGS

Dear honored, much respected friends
Where'er you chance to dwell,
To greet you would we fain employ
Our feeble semblance of such skill
Whereby to scatter captured joy
And radiate unfeigned goodwill
Amongst friends and kindred near and far
Whom drawn by ties unseen that bind
Like ancient followers of "The Star"
The blithesome heart, the sensitive mind.

The slender links of friendship's chain
Are fused by nurtured fire;
They bind the heart of friend to friend,
They kindle fine desire.
They stimulate the spark Divine,
Rare sentiments inspire,
Constrain to greetings hearty, kind,
Fond wish for joy in store,
For happiness in future days,
More blessings, than before.

Our greetings then, in tones sincere,
In steadfast faith our prayer
That He whose glory "shone around"
Will keep you in His care.

(This poem, written by M. M. Coles of Acton, was part of his Christmas card this year.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Hufnagel and children of Mississauga spent Christmas with relatives in town.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Dills and Kathleen included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, Miss Bertha Brown, Mr. Ern Brown and Miss Elsie K. Stewart, all former Actonians who live in Toronto now.

Christmas day visitors at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Oakes were Carolyn and Ernie Gregory of Hamilton; Frances and Russel Gaulton and children of Grimsby; George and Eleanor Oakes and children of Etobicoke. Everyone talked by phone to daughter Peggy, Paul and son Ted Lawson of Milwaukee who were unable to attend the Christmas gathering.

Home for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough were Mr. Bob Landsborough, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Sinclair, Gina and Ian, Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park, Cathy, Steven and Kenneth, Petrolia; Miss Donna Landsborough, Guelph; Miss Joanne Landsborough, Waterloo University, Mr. Dave Syer, Sarna.

Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston, R. R. 3, were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sayers, Bryan, Sandra and Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sayers and Barbara of Oshawa and Mr. and Mrs. O. Bruce, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, Osprige; Mr. Barry Bruce, London; Mr. H. Sayers, Mr. and Mrs. James Sayers, Shirley, Lynda and Lorna, Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston were guests at a pre-Christmas gathering and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Clark.

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Et Cetera

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PUBLISHING schedules are back to normal next week.

SEVERAL ARE spending the Christmas holiday in Florida. One phone call reported coolish weather.

ROADS ARE still mushy in town today but the highways are clear.

AT MIDNIGHT on new year's eve, Milton's town bell will ring to welcome in 1,650 additional acres.

THE HOLIDAY WEATHER is perfect for tobogganing on district hills. The Robert Little school grounds are popular.



Speeding along our boat wishes and thanks to all our good friends. It's been a pleasure to nerve you.

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Christmas draw winners named

There were three winners in a Beauty Counsellor Christmas draw, made by zone manager Mrs. Edith McIntyre.

A perfume stick was won by Mrs. G. S. Scott, Elizabeth Dr., lipstick by Mrs. Ann McConnell, R.R. 1, and a package of after-shave toweltettes by Clarence Coles, R.R. 2.

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