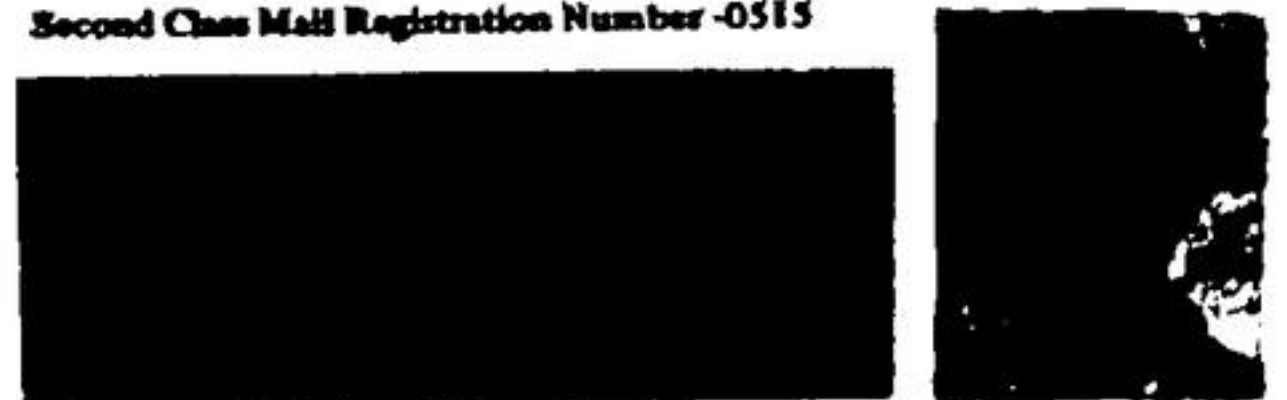


# Lidkea-Cairns wedding in Queenston April 12



By Wendy Thomson

For the past few months, I've been dreaming (somewhat desperately, at times) of a vacation — a lovely, lazy, three day, nothing-that-has-to-be-done affair; with Gord, without the youngsters. Maybe this is an unmotherly attitude, but after the long winter and especially after the mid-winter holidays, I feel definitely and positively unmotherly.

Over the past 12 years, we've managed to get away for two weekends by ourselves, and thought we were alone for another two-week-long holiday, but it turned out that someone else was along, although not evident.

The first summer after we were married, we drove to Money Harbour where Gord was to help a friend build a cottage, and arrived just in time to find a flatfish rock, untill the sleeping bags and crawl in. As it turned out later, I was pregnant with Beth then, and some mosquito hollered "Here's a banquet, boys!" after his first bite. All the mosquitoes in the area descended on me in a horde. The hum was so loud that it sounded as though someone was sitting beside me with an electric shaver.

I promptly disappeared into the bag and spent the whole night mentally weeping and walling and wondering whether it was easier to smother inside or to stick my nose out for air and have 1600 mosquitos jump on it all at once.

The next night we drove around in the car until we found a spot that seemed bug-free, stretched out on the car seats and slept. Maybe it was the way the grass was all cut short around the tombstones or maybe it was because the chances for biting around there weren't usually too good, but the grave-yard was relatively mosquito-less. This sleeping spot might have bothered some, but as far as I was concerned, a ghost could have draped itself over the hood of the car and rattled the hub-caps with his toes, and I wouldn't have cared less as long as he didn't bite.

The third night, we rented a boat, putted out to a small domed rock island about 18 feet in diameter, and slept balanced on top, hopping the waves wouldn't splash too high. We hardly dared to move all night, as it would have been easy to roll off the peak, down the side and into Georgian Bay. A little difficult to explain, that — "Now here I was sleeping peacefully, minding my own business..."

The days were lovely. Gord and the other men put in an hours work on the cabin, then spent three hours in the bay fishing, every morning and afternoon, and I sat and talked to a chipmunk. After setting a spell, he began emptying the grocery bags as fast as he could while I sat and read. Unfortunately, he took a stick of licorice home with him, and I didn't see him again after that.

Two summers later, we left Beth with my parents and drove to Algonquin Park. We spent two days roaming and climbing, fishing and swimming and what-not. Then the weather turned colder and colder, and the smell of the damp-stove fuel made me sicker and sicker every morning. At night we piled everything loose on top of the sleeping bags, but still froze. Gord took over the cooking in the morning, but I was still sick. Then it dawned on me. — Welcome, James. We came home three days early.

Two years later we tried again. This time after having the toddlers running around hanging onto my knees constantly, and the work that goes with them and building a new house, I voted vigorously for three days at a lodge, rather than a week camping with the kids. We heard about a small place in Grasmere, made arrangements, and took off one Thursday early in May. It was a marvellous weekend! We had a small cottage not far from the main lodge, with a living room, bedroom, and bathroom. While we were at the

### Highlights of trip recalled for board

Mrs. W. Thompson was hostess Thursday evening, April 3, to Acton Fair Board ladies meeting. Mrs. W. Linham was in the chair, and Mrs. D. Matthews secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. Fifteen ladies answered the roll call.

The committees for 1969 fall fair were discussed and decided upon.

Mrs. Near gave an interesting account of her trip to Miami that she took with the Senior Citizens' bus trip. Some of the points of interest they saw were the Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial

lodge having breakfast (juice, porridge, eggs, bacon, and toast), a girl made up the bed and tidied the cabin. The book packed us a picnic lunch, and away we went for the day, riding, walking, fishing, exploring, and arriving back in time for a quick shower before a huge dinner. Absolute heaven!

We've done this twice now, and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we'll get away this spring, too. Otherwise, there's a definite possibility I might go out of my mind. Are you reading me, Gord?

Every now and then Gord goes off on a fishing trip on his own, and the one thing he likes to take with him is a big container of frozen stew (just in case the fish aren't too active, of course). He cooks potatoes there, and heats the stew which is thawed by that time.

**BEEF STEW**

Mix 1/2 cup flour with 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper. Shake 1 1/2 pounds of cubed stew beef in it. Brown well in 2 or 3 tbs. bacon fat in a deep bottle. Add 1 cup water (no more than 1 cup) cover and cook 1 hour on low heat which hazily bubbles the stew. Add 6 large carrots, sliced, and 1 cup chopped onion, and more water if necessary. Cover and cook 1 1/2 hours. Thicken with flour.



OFFERING SUGGESTIONS FOR FASHION DISPLAY, Mme Claude Riviere, Paris representative, toured Simpsons-Sears in the Burlington Mall last Wednesday, with store manager S. C. Angus (centre), and other store officials.

### Bride-to-be honored at various showers

Prior to the marriage of Heather Louise Cairns, R.N., to Bertrand (Randy) Edgar Lidkea on Saturday, April 12, many parties had been held in her honor.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cairns, Queenston, is a graduate of the Greater Niagara Hospital Training School. The groom is a graduate of the Niagara Parks school of Horticulture and at present is District Arborist of the Owen Sound District Dept. of

### U.C.W. learns plight of aged

Unit two of the U.C.W. of Trinity United church met on Tuesday, April 8, in the church parlors. Mrs. Eaton, president, opened the meeting with an Easter poem, "This is my Friend", and prayer. Mrs. Wilderspin took the devotional period with Mrs. Veldhuis reading John Chapter 20—verses 1-17. A hymn was sung and Easter readings were given by Mrs. Dorothy Allen.

Mrs. Allen showed a film dealing with the plight of the lonely old folks living in one room and what we can do to reach them to make their lives more happy and pleasant. Quite a discussion followed on this topic.

Minutes and treasurer's report were given. Roll call was answered by 22 present.

An invitation was received from Miss Bennett to a spring tea at Parkwood Manor, April 23.

The spring hale is to be packed Wed., May 14 at 9 o'clock in the morning. The Thankoffering meeting is to be April 24 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Shoemaker gave her report on the sick and shutins and also visits to the nursing homes in the area, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Simmons. These visits are a great comfort to the patients. Cards were sent out to the bereaved and also Easter Cards.

waists, cowl necklines and long sleeves. The sheath skirts were enhanced by over skirts of nylon sheer gathered at the waistline and cascading to the floor. Venice lace highlighted the necklines and fronts of the gowns. The gowns were complemented by beau de sole at the waistline and finished with a bow back and front. The sleeves also had bands of beau de sole.

The attendants all wore white shasta daises in their hair and carried natural colored baskets of white daisies.

David Lidkea of Acton was his brother's groomsmen, and ushering duties were performed by William Groves of Barrie and Ronald MacLean of Paisley.

Following the ceremony a circular train was attached at the west by a bow of organza. An attractive headpiece of real flowers, was caught to a four-tiered scalloped veil of silk illusion.

She carried a white wicker basket of yellow shasta daisies and yellow sweetheart roses.

Miss Yvonne Cairns of Queenston was her sister's maid of honor while Miss Terry Campbell and Miss Leila Blaney, both of Willowdale were bridesmaids. Miss Susan Middleton of Summerside, P.E.I., niece of the groom was flower girl.

Master Frank Digweed, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

All the bride's attendants wore floor length gowns of yellow nylon sheer, featuring empire

and her corsage of sweetheart roses in a deeper pink tone.

Soloist was Mr. George Acheson of Toronto, who sang "Bless This House" and "Walk Hand in Hand with Me". He was accompanied by the church organist Mrs. Resour Laidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lidkea will make their home at 784 Fourth Ave. W., Owen Sound, Ontario.

Besides the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Magee of Markdale and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cisma of Eugene, guests were present from Summerside, P.E.I.; Montreal; Toronto; North Bay; Paisley; Barrie; Acton; Flesherton and Proton Station.

### Y's Menettes name slate

Acton Y's Menettes met at the home of Lynne Robertson on Monday. Highlight of the meeting was the election of officers for next year. President Donna Bateman, claimed the nominations.

New executive are: president Carol Bouwman, vice-president Mary McKenzie, secretary Kate Elliott; treasurer Lynn Robertson; program Mary Ann Lindsay.

Tentative plans were made for the rummage sale in May and to entertain another club in the fall.

Cancer can be beaten, says the Canadian Cancer Society.

## Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Small of Niagara Falls visited Mrs. R. M. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough and Ralph spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Park and family at Petrolia.

Mrs. Margaret McGillivray of Toronto visited Miss Ruby Clark on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Harrison, Fort Franco, visited Mrs. R. Alge on the weekend.

Seven members of Acton U.C.W. attended the Thankoffering meeting in St. Andrew's Church Georgetown, last Wednesday. The speaker was Father Tim Ryan of the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society.

### New venture at workshop

The spring meeting of the L'Arche Auxiliary was held at Mrs. J. Price's home on March 26.

Both the dance and fashion show were very successful and members expressed thanks to everyone who helped in any way. Although it seems a long way off the next dance was discussed and a date in October was decided upon.

The Auxiliary Workshop for retarded adults is busy getting the lawn chairs rewebbed, also the paper flowers for weddings, now the wedding season is here. A new venture has been started, wooden shoe rack and clothes horses. Anyone interested in spending a Wednesday morning at the workshop should phone Mrs. J. Kuiken who spends most Wednesday mornings at A.R.C.

The next meeting will be held on April 23 and anyone interested in attending a meeting will be warmly welcomed!

THE Y's MEN are planning another giant auction sale this May.

Members of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. with friends enjoyed a buffet supper and evening at the Mohawk Raceway Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hufnagel of Alliston called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacArthur and other Acton friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Hauer, Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jacob Hauer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson of Toronto visited friends in Acton on the weekend.

After 41 years teaching music in Acton schools, Glenn Banks has resigned. He will be supervisor of music at Wawa, Mr. and Mrs. Banks and their boys will be greatly missed.

Mrs. James Gardner and boys of Bothwell are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon and family. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon, Dean and Jacqueline, Mrs. James Gardner and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wilhelm at Waterford.

Attending the wedding of Mr. Randy Lidkea and Miss Heather Cairns in Queenston on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. William Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Win. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart, Mr. and Mrs. David Lidkea, all of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeachie, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fiebig, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Middleton; Scott and Susan of Summerside, P.E.I. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lidkea spent the weekend in Queenston and entertained the wedding party after the rehearsal at the home of the bride's aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Digweed.

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