By Wendy Thomson

A doctor friend once said something to the effect that when you get any kind of animal for a family pet, you must be resigned to the fact that you will outlive not only it, but probably many more. I've never counted the pets we've lost, but there seems to have been quite a string of ones poisoned, run over, stolen and lost. The hardest losses were Sue, Gord's little hound that someonedeliberately, shot, and my old Mama-cat. She was the first cat we had up here in Acton, and being the only one is this house, she rapidly

wathed out his scent track. Then

Beth went down to the pasture

to feed the horses, and was

mucking around in the puddles.

looked up and there was Andy

sitting on the other side of the

puddle. He was dirty, full of

burrs, and bone thin; his paws

were worn almost raw and the

hair was all worn off the inside

of his hind legs from the

constant minning. Even his chin

and note were worn hairless, I

guess from keeping his nose to

the ground. When he came

home, he ate for half an hour,

just lay in our arms being dried

and cuddled, then went to sleep

If we had had any doubts of

how tame he is, after we spent

an agonizing hour combing out

burrs and removing ticks while

Andy just lay, they were gone.

To top it all off, not only did

Tansy-cat deign to sniff him over

and administer a few licks here

and there, but when Andy came

across a kitten, he licked it all

down and gave it the most

mothering it's had in a long

time! Somehow, I think we're

In all the resulting exuberance

from having things come out

right in the end (for a change)

baked two pies. Now this isn't

ANYTHING to some people.

They can bake a dozen pies at a

cookies, six dozen muffins, five

dozen tarts. Not to mention the

bread. But me, if I turn out two

2-crust pies, I figure I'm doing

well. These are two of my

RHUBARB PIE

Prepare enough pastry for two

crusts. Roll out one half and fit it

(there about be about four cups). Bout I wast in a large bowl. Add I'm

cups sugar, 4 cup flour, 4 tsp mace,

pieces well. Spoon into prepared shell

ple plate on cookie sheet to catch the

drips, and bake at 425 degrees for 50

radiutes. I've run out of room, so will

Mrs. Robert Algie was hostess

and Miss Isabel Anderson

presided for the May meeting of

the afternoon Auxiliary W.M.S.

In tribute to the memory of a

much esteemed member, Miss

Minnie Somerville, who passed

away recently, a period of

The service of worship was led

by Mrs. A. M. Macpherson and Mrs. C. Hansen, with Mrs. A. H.

Mrs. Mainprize was in charge

of the study topic which dealt

with the change in

administration of the

Institutional development of

McKenzie rendering a solo.

put the Apple pie in next week.

W.M.S. hostess

of Knox Church.

silence was observed.

favourites.

spoiling him for rat hunting.

for two days.

became a real little character. One day when I was away, the climbed the hydro pole for some reason or other, and that was the and end. I guess one thing that makes it hard, is that we, being adults, are supposed to keep that upper lip still, and all that. But when you become so attached to an animal, the hurt goes very

We lost Andy, our little ferret, last week, and what made that feem so bad, was the fact that ferrets die within a few days on their own. The thought of him, curled up under a bush in all that miserable rain, starving to death. was pretty down-heartening

If you remember, we bought Andy a few months ago and found, much to our delight, that instead of being the vicious killer characteristic of the breed, he was quite the opposite. In fact, we had to shut him in his cage mainly to get a bit of peace. He insisted on climbing into everybody's lap and licking their hands off, then continuing up the arm and around the neck to clean a patch of hair. That wasn't TOO bad, but when he came to an ear, he whuffled in it, and most people found this intolerable. Come night-time, more that once I've had to got take him out of 10-year-old Jim's pillow case, not so much for safety's sake, because being a ferret, he had that definite (VERY definite) musky smell. During the day, he slept in one of the laundry baskets downstairs, and I always had to go through the wash quite carefully before throwing it in the machine. Once awakened, he was overjoyed to have company, and insisted on trying to clim up my jeans. I suppose I was the only house wife, who did the wash with a ferret clinging to ber

I've seen him, after a good run out in the fields, lie down on his back cradled in Jim's arms, yawn two or three times, then let himself be rocked to sleep.

Whenever I wanted to clean the house and couldn't keep an eye on him I'd have to put him outside in his cage, because the first chance he got, he'd crawl in Mrs. R. Algie behind the bath tub and go to sleep, and wouldn't come out. Then he'd come trotting out at the most inopportune times, like when there was company and he'd scare someone by getting friendly with their ankle bone, or appear when one of the cats was escorting a kitten down the hall and such.

Then one day he was gone. The hinge had worked loose on the lid to his case, and there was no Andy. We hunted and hunted, but we had no idea even of which way he had gone. There is bush to both sides of us, and the stream and pasture to the back, and our only chance of seeing him at all, would be if he ran across an open patch of ground just as we happened to be looking at it. Two days later, and no Andy; we gave up hope. Even if he'd tried to find his way back, the steady rain would have

# New officers take places at meeting of Dublin W.I.

Mrs. Ed Norton, Mill Street E., was hostess for the regular monthly meeting of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday

The new officers took their places for the first time-Mrs. M. McCullough as president and Mrs. C. McIntyre as secretary. The Institute Ode was sung, followed by the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer. A two-minute's silence was observed in remembrance of the passing of a beloved member of the branch, Miss Minnie Somerville. She was a life member of the group, and while not able to attend its meetings recently, always retained a keen interest in all its activities." .

The roll call "A fann experience". brought out many amusing experiences that the members had had during the

Reporting on plans made by the bus committee for the annual sojourn, Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet outlined a choice of several trips that were under consideration. One will be further pursued.

As the talent number of the month, Mrs. C. Armstrong introduced Joe Petric, who played three delightful accordion solos which were very much enjoyed by the ladies.

May 24 was made by Mrs. E. Final returns of the canvass in support of the Canadian Cancer Society as given by Mrs. E.

A request for pies for the

booth at a local auction sale on

Decoration Day at Fairview Cemetery will be on June 1; and some of the members will help with the planting of the geraniums. No sandwiches from

Norton was most gratifying.

the members are required this

Ten members signified their intention of attending the Halton District Annual at Boston Church next week. Scotch Blook Institute will be hosters. A preview of the two minute skit to be given at the district annual was enseted by a couple of members.

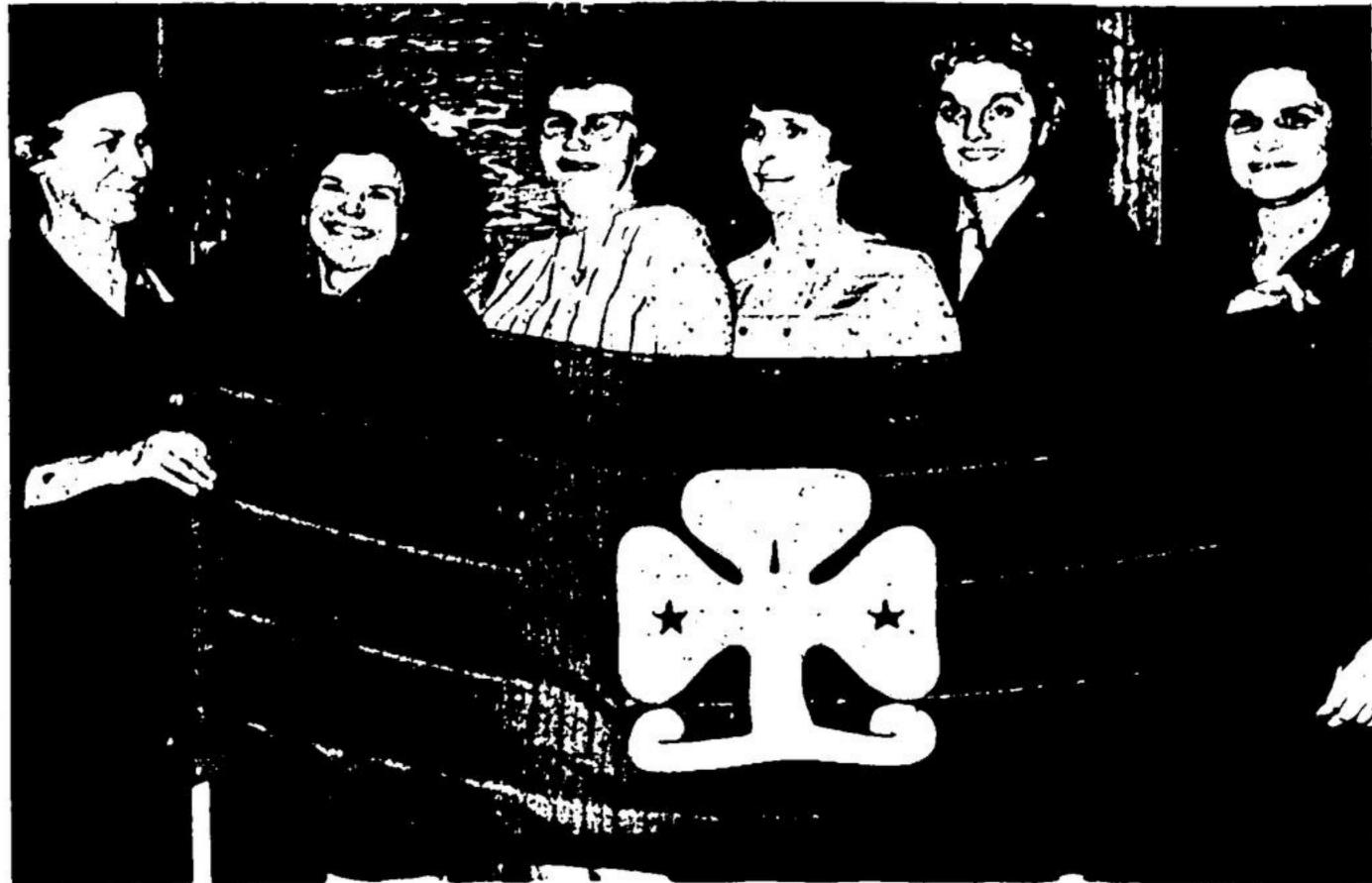
Four ladies had attended the annual TB dinner from the Branch at the Pine Room, Oskville, the night previously, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. J. A. Van Fleet, and two mepsbers from the board, Mrs. C. Britton and Mrs. J. Blyth. Mrs. Near-gave a very interesting and comprehensive report of the activities of the Halton TB Association the past year, and told of the efforts that are being made to keep tuberculous under control in the county.

The new president, Mrs. M McCullough, had attended the Officers' Conference at the University of Guelph recently, and reported on the splendid attendance of members attending from all over the province. There had been good sessions with a wealth of interesting information given. Mrs. McCullough brought back a splendid' report of the conference.

Mrs. John O'Gorman, as agricultural convener, gave a very interesting and instructive paper on Agriculture as the basic industry of the country, which

vitally affects all people. A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. E. Norton, assisted by Mrs. G. Collins, Mrs. I. McDougall and Mrs. A. Near, and a social half-hour was

enjoyed. Mrs. A. Near was courtesy Free Press



ACTON SCOUT AND GUIDE Mothers presented a Guide flag to the W. Edser, Lieutenant, Scout and Guide Mothers Gladys Davidson new emblem are Mrs. B. Ginger, captain of No. 1, left, and Mrs. M. Commissioner Louise Forbes. Strongitharm, captain No. 2 company, right. In the middle are Mrs.

Acton company last Wednesday evening at a meeting. Holding the and M. Schonnop who made the precentation, and District

## **Guests from Windsor** sitting, along with 20 dozen entoy week-end with Acton Guides

It takes more than rain to dampen Girl Guide spirits. Over the weekend 38 girls from Windsor were guests of the Acton company for a full slate

of activities despite the weather. into 9" pie plate. Wash 11/2 pounds of rhubarb and cut into 1 inch pieces The visitor arrived by bus shortly after funch on Saturday, at the Scout and Guide Hall for dash salt, 14 cup orange juice. Mix well, add thubarb, and stir to coat introductions. During the afternoon they toured the Halton County Museum at and cover with top pastry. Cut holes in top for vents, seal the edges, place

No Guide program is complete without a sing-song and the girls staged a Hootenanny in Prospect Park Saturday night to the accompaniment of Hector Daigle on his banjo.

On Sunday it was off to church at St. Joseph's Catholic and St. Alban's Anglican followed by informal guided tours around the town.

Before leaving in the afternoon, each guide leader

received a leather wallet donated by Beardmore and Company. Acton guides were given little autograph books from their new friends. Billet hostesses received home-made gifts.

#### Weddings make news

Wedding in the family soon? The Free Press is happy to publish wedding accounts and pictures-but not too long after the happy occasion, please!

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Overseas Missions. Plans were made for the June meeting and for the allocation of the supply department.

### U.C.W. presents gift to quilters' hostess

Group two of Trinity United ladies met for the May meeting in the church parlor. In the absence of Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Veldhuis opened with the U.C.W. Purpose and a poem, Anchor Sure and Steadfast.

Mrs. Cleave as devotional leader chose the hymns Happy the Home and Blest be the Tie that Binds, with Miss Jean McLean as pianist. Mrs. Cleave's theme was Mother. Mother love is never exhausted; mother's apron strings are heart strings, she said. A duet by Mrs. Veldhuis and Miss Dorothy Simmons was very much enjoyed, I'm a Pilgrim.

Minutes were read and adopted. Mrs. J. Lambert gave the treasurer's report. 18 ladies answered the roll call.

Mrs. Shoemaker gave an excellent report on the shut in's, reported visiting the Waldie Home and the Manor, also three car loads went to the tea at Parkwood Manor, where Miss Bennett resides. Regrets were expressed on Mr. and Mrs. M.

Walker moving to Vancouver in the near future. 30 home calls and 11 hospital calls were

recorded. Appreciation was expressed for the stamps and the amount of money raised from them to

A joint pot luck supper is to be June 11, Mrs. Morton to act as a convenor. Helpers were elected to help pack the bale

home open for quittings. birthdays.

make a worthwhile project.

Mrs. Eaton sent thanks to all who sent' cards and other kindness in their recent bereavement. Pictures on the study of China

were given by Mrs. Force and Mrs. Long. Mrs. Shoemaker presented the buthday's of the month with a beautiful rose. A lovely gift of a scarf and gloves was presented to Mrs. N. Lambert as she had a birthday and also from the quilters for always having her

A social hour was spent over the teacups with a delicious birthday cake for the May

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