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Summer Cottages as Varied As Most People are Themselves

With M.H.B.

It made me stop and think a bit about what summer cottages mean, in terms of pleasure to different people, when long-time cottage neighbours announced they were selling their place. They have bought land and a cottage in another area much farther north. Their news came as a shock, especially

since they have just succeeded in bringing their present cottage property to the peak of perfection, by dint of their own hard work over a period of many years. We couldn't help but ask ourselves, why the move. I think the answer lies in the fact that the husband is a person with tremendous drive,

who has to be overcoming a challenge of some kind to be happy, even on vacation. He will be happy now for years to come, making a place of beauty out of a bit of wilderness and a run down cottage. His wife doesn't share his enthusiasm, but she's a good sport and goes along with it.

Summer Cottages

There are as many different types of summer cottages as there are types of people. Some are elaborate affairs as complicated to run as a year-round house. They bring pride and pleasure to the dedicated homemaker. Others are little more than shacks, with only the bare necessities, for that back-to-nature feeling many people crave. Most cottages fall in between the two extremes — adequate and fairly comfortable, involving as little effort in the upkeep as possible. This is for me.

Update Information for Survey of Farm Families

A study of farming families is being conducted by the home economics branch of the department of agriculture and foods throughout Ontario. The Peel and Halton County area is being canvassed by Mrs. Kathy Williams, who heads this area's home economics branch. Mrs. Williams just began her interview campaign last week. The study is part of a long-term survey that began in 1959, with a similar series of interviews throughout Ontario. The program plans to contact the same families involved in the initial study of 1959.

what they intended to do back in 1959. "In all of Ontario, 352 families from every county and district are involved. Half are members of the Women's Institute, the world's largest rural women's organization." "The study is being taken for the department by the University of Waterloo under the direction of Dr. Helen C. Abell, a rural sociologist professor in the geography and planning department there. "Director McKecher said that lengthy 29 page questionnaires are handed out with both open-ended and straight yes-and-no type questions.

It is hoped the study will indicate trends in family structure and whatever changes that have occurred in the use of farm land. Helen McKecher, director of the home economics branch of the department, said that "the study is one of the first longitudinal studies ever to determine if the people involved did

"We have no findings yet and if we have any by next year, we'll be doing really well," she said. "We appreciate the co-operation of the families who are participating because it is on the basis of information they give us that we can formulate any planned program for the future."

Our friend doesn't understand cottagers like us, who work on the property if we really must, but otherwise prefer to spend large amounts of time in contemplation — of books, people, sometimes a deck of cards, the sky, and most of all, the lake. We like to laze. At Inverhuron, we're on a big body of water with sandy beaches, seldom without the roar of breakers rolling in. It's a paradise for families with small children, particularly, and cottages form small communities.

Recently we spent a weekend at a cottage in Muskoka. Here the summer scene was different. Small lakes bejewelling rocky forests, give most cottages complete privacy. This is a paradise for boating enthusiasts. The two areas offer two very different concepts of summer living, and both have their own charm. Appealing in different ways, too, are cottages set deep into the shades of a woods or in the corner of a sunny meadow. Some perch their summer hideaway on a rocky island, while others prefer the lively summer resort atmosphere where amusements abound.

London is New Home for Law Student and Bride

Wearing a full length gown of Swiss voile, Ursula Beatrice Schatti became the bride of Roland John Haines Jr. on August 16 at 12 o'clock noon in Holy Cross Church. Father Oger Devent officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Along curls and ringlets formed the bride's headpiece. A full length single tier veil, also edged in Swiss lace, fell smoothly from among these curls. The bride carried a single white rose with ivy.

At Redmond was the organist. Standards of white gladioli and pink carnations decorated the church. The bridal gown was designed in a "little girl style." It featured a round neckline, short puffy sleeves and fell loosely from the bodice. The neck, sleeves and bottom of the dress were edged in imported Swiss lace. Tiny white Stephanotis returned gently.

Miss Christiane Schatti, sister of the bride, was maid of honour. She wore a floor-length gown of baby pink crepe, accented by an empire waistline which was rimmed with tiny roses. The dress had a scooped neckline and short puffy sleeves. Baby pink roses were returned among the curls in her hair. Three year old Carol Ann Schatti was flower girl. She wore a dress similar to the maid of honour. Pink roses also enhanced the curls in her hair.

Both attendants carried white baskets filled with baby pink roses and ivy. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The groomsmen was Tim Haines, brother of the groom, and the usher was Bernard Schatti, brother of the bride.

Reception followed at the Terra Cotta Inn where white carnations and pink roses decorated the Garden Room and terrace. For her honeymoon trip, the bride chose a pale blue silk sundress with white accessories.

The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Haines, Glen Williams, has received his B.A. at the University of Western Ontario, and will continue to further his education there by attending the law school. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schatti, R. R. 1 Limehouse, is employed by the London Public School Board. Mr. and Mrs. Haines Jr. will be living at Northcliff Towers Apartments in London.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was honoured at a linen shower given by Mrs. Robert Freeman and a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Jim Blair and Misses Ginny Terry and Elizabeth Davidson. A presentation was also made by the Holy Cross school staff and by friends and roommates of the groom from the university.

Hornby WI to Sponsor Three 4-H Girls Clubs

Mrs. Hugh O'Connor was hostess for the September meeting of the Hornby Women's Institute held on the 5th of Sept. The president, Mrs. Cecil Patterson, welcomed the thirteen ladies present and opened the meeting with the singing of the Institute Ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

ing and conducted a contest on jumbled words of flowers. Mrs. Percy Merry was the winner of the contest.

The correspondence included a letter from the area president concerning the announcement of the training school for the short course on hats which will be held on October 16-17; a notice of the area convention to be held in Guelph and also a notice for the training school for the 4-H Club leaders. Mrs. William McPherson and Mrs. James McKay are to be the delegates to the hat course.

tion took place and plans made for the booth the ladies are having at a sale on October 14. The committee are to look after the display at the Milton Fall Fair. The roll call was an exchange of slips or bulbs.

As there is so much interest shown in the 4-H clubs the Institute will be sponsoring three clubs this year. Some discus-

The horticultural convener, Mrs. O'Connor was in charge of the program and read an excellent paper on the motto "The healing value of a garden." She also gave some tips on garden-

Trousseau Tea Honours Friday Evening Bride

Mrs. Hugh A. Leslie entertained at her home at a tea last Thursday afternoon and evening in honour of her daughter Lynda, who was married Friday evening, September 6, to Mr. Douglas Swackhamer in Union Presbyterian Church, Terra Cotta.

Ladies of the church and relatives in the community poured tea. They were Mrs. Jack McDonald, Mrs. William Hyatt, Mrs. Owens MacDonald, Mrs. Arthur McKane, Mrs. J. Sinclair, Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Harold Dolson. Serving were Mrs. Harvey Stone, Mrs. Thomas Leslie, Miss Heather Hyatt, Mrs. Eric Leslie, Miss Gwendolyn MacDonald, Miss Mary Lynn Hyatt, Mrs. Lee Campbell assisted as hostess, both afternoon and evening.

Assisting in the trousseau and gifts room were Miss Chris Swackhamer, Miss Edith McDonald, Mrs. Leslie Bond and Misses Shari Lou and Susan Leslie. Then come late teens, and summer jobs. The beach gang dwindles — "going steady", and eventually marriage. Our weeks-long stay at the lake shrink into becoming only weekends. It is much much quieter in the younger generation department — in fact, now Mom and Dad are having their innings in the entertainment field. We are free agents to do as we please. It's pleasant! But I can see that this too, is only an interlude. The next phase will be visits from married children, and then in all probability, the beginning of the cycle all over again. Only this time I'll be learning to cope with still another role.

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However, as long as that vast shining expanse of lake is there, I know I'll be drawn back again and again to the cottage.

For me, that is its chief allure.

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