



**BINKY TO SPORTSMAN.** — Binky, the Keeshond, owned by Laura Treble, who operates Tanhardt Kennels at R. R. 1, Georgetown, will show Sportsman's Show-goers just what a champion in that breed looks like. The young Keeshond which came originally from Mount Blanc Kennels, R. R. 1, Limehouse, achieved championship status by accumulating ten points in competition last year. Miss Treble told the Herald this week she'll be showing Binky at the Sportsman's Show in March.

## CHATTING . . . .

with M.H.B.

**JO-ANNE AND I** aren't speaking these days. Or perhaps I should say, I'm not speaking to Jo-Anne. She's our cat. And she's insulted me, again. When I picked her up for a little session of cuddling and petting, what did I get? An indignant yelp, accompanied by a determined leap from my loving arms. That really makes me mad.

It makes me so mad, I started to brood about cats I have known. Believe it or not, I liked them most of the time. It's only when they display their independent streak in this particular fashion — and all ours have — it makes me wish we had a dog instead.

**WHEN ONE OF THESE** crises occur, I don't even bother trying to conceal my chagrin. The family soon learns of my state of mind when Jo-Anne's meal time rolls around and I coolly announce that someone else can feed the cat. I ignore her completely, and I swear she notices. Oh, the act she puts on with the loud purring and affectionate ankle-rubs. And when she stretches out on the floor with all four paws pattingly raised and rolls those beseeching eyes at me as I go about my kitchenly duties, the frow is over. I just have to throw in the sponge, and pet her. You see how smart she is? Always, one way or another, she gets her way.

And how is it she knows the most comfortable, warmest spot in the house? Nine times out of ten when I head for the choice place — and it varies with the season and time of day — I find her already ensconced there. There's hardly room for me.

As for her eating habits — she has us well trained. She likes her crunchy cat-food cereal in the mornings, and also as a before-bed snack. But don't ever try palming that stuff off on her for lunch or dinner. That is when she expects her various brands of tinned cat food. Except when we're having spaghetti with hot garlicky sauce. Then she'll coax until we put down a plate for her. It's quite a sight to watch the spaghetti disappear a strand at a time thru' her front teeth.

**JO-ANNE IS** a perfect lady as far as her personal habits are concerned. Very clean and polite. When she wants out, she just goes and sits by the door. Never says a word. Just looks at you. Then when you go over to her, she

MIGHT go out, or she might just lead you around the pantry corner to her dish. You're never quite sure whether her plea is legit or not, so you see she has worked out her own system of making sure she's never very hungry.

Or outside when she wants in. Her polite veneer cracks completely when she decides she's been outside long enough. If we're in the kitchen, she hurls herself into a high leap at the kitchen door. When we're in the living room, she goes to work on a glass panel beside the front door, working her front paws on it so fast they produce a high whine that can be heard even above the TV. And when the lights are out and she realizes we're in bed, she transfers this technique to the bathroom window. It can wake us out of the soundest sleep, darn it. So, nocturnal instincts or not, Jo-Anne spends every night possible in her basket in the basement.

**JO-ANNE NEVER** wanders far from home, and doesn't take kindly to other felines intruding on her territory. We were aware of this possessive streak, which I guess is common to most pets, but didn't realize how strong it was until we had a tiny white Persian kitten given to us. Jo-Anne refused to be in the house with her. Spent two whole days glaring in our kitchen windows at the minute interloper. A couple of forced confrontations led us to abandon the attempt to add the kitten to our household. There was no mistaking Jo-Anne's reaction to the situation. The kitten had to go.

**INDEPENDENT THO** she may be, I'm pretty sure Jo-Anne thinks a lot of her adoptive family. Whenever we are away for any length of time, we always make sure she is well-fed and cared for. But she shines to the point where she doesn't eat normally, and last time, when we were away for three weeks, she was actually sick by the time we arrived home. A couple of days after the household returned to normal, she was fine.

**I REALLY THINK SHE** missed us . . . or was it her accustomed routine? Does she love us . . . or does she not . . . That's a cat for you. Enigmatic . . . and intriguing.

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## New Group to Survey Recreation Possibilities

The second meeting of the Georgetown Recreation Committee was held at the Halton and Peel Trust Co. building on January 30th and was attended by Ernie Sykes (Lions Club); J. Burroughs (YM-YWCA); George Michm (Chamber of Commerce); R. MacKenzie (Legion); Mrs. M. Tluccko (Girl Guides); J. Murphy (Junior Chamber of Commerce); Hugh Powell (Kinsmen); B. Tolson (YM - YWCA); Constable Henry Vanderstus (Police Association); and Phillip Siddall (Halton Hills Ratepayers Association).

The committee is in the process of canvassing organizations connected with recreation to determine their plans for 1969. The Lions Club reported that plans are going ahead for the east end park adjacent to the George Kennedy Public School. Tentative plans call for a children's playground, tennis courts and a baseball diamond. The 1st stage of the project will be the grading and seeding of the area this spring.

The Canadian Legion have arranged for an open house for teenagers at their auditorium on Sunday evenings. A number of teenage groups are involved in this informal evening where the activities will be planned and organized by the teenagers with a minimum of supervision from the Legion members. A second Legion program still in a very preliminary state is the organization of a track and field meet for local public schools. The ultimate plan calls for local, regional and provincial track and field championships for public school children.

The Kinsmen, the Girl Guides, the Georgetown District High School and the YM - YWCA indicated that their 1968 recreational programs would be continued in 1969. It was also reported that there are definite shortages of sponsoring groups, meeting places and leaders for the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and associated organizations. These shortages have resulted in waiting lists for most of the groups in Georgetown.

The Committee is presently developing a survey questionnaire designed to determine the recreational needs of Georgetown.

Organizations not already represented on the recreation committee may have a voice in future decisions by arranging to send a delegate. Mr. Sykes and Mr. Burroughs are the members to contact.

Various departments were given and they showed a successful year. A manse committee was appointed — Fred Nurse, Chas. Austin, Gordon Wingfield and John Wallace. Auditors for 1969 are Mrs. J. John Wallace and Bob Taylor. Johnson Neelands reported on the Building Fund and the progress going on for the new Hillcrest

church. Bill Wilson reported on light fixtures and furnishings. Plans for the final service in Ashgrove Church on March 2nd and a committee appointed to look after arranging the service. Chas. Austin thanked Rev. Hawkes and his family for their guidance and support to us and meeting adjourned for lunch.

Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Geo. Wilson in the loss of her father Lester J. Brown, the end of January.

Winter Wonderland with its stormy beauty. And that nasty wind that blew the snow around — piled it high, lifted it, carried it further and yonder. But always remember beneath that pile of snow there are flowers, fruit and spring. After the sun has melted the frosts, the earth responds and brings forth abundantly a wealth of goodness to the world which will never die.

Meanwhile, let's NOT forget our little feathered friends, the birds, these wintry days. They will reward you tenfold with each sweet chirp they give back.

— Mrs. J. Bellbody

## SILVER-WOOD Cottons is Project For 4-H Girls Club

"Cottons may be smart" is the new 4H project with Mrs. Bombholt and Margo Ruddle as leaders.

George Henderson is away at Workman's Compensation Hospital at Downsview taking therapy for his back after recent surgery.

Seven members of Silver-Wood Women's Institute attended open house at Vanier Centre for women at Brampton, February 4th.

Sympathy of community is extended to Mrs. F. Campbell, in the passing of her mother, Mrs. John Skelton of Guelph.

Mrs. K. Van Liere is still a patient in hospital in Toronto.

— Alicia F. C. Scott

## Memorial Donations Welcomed by Hospital



by Les Clark

The administrator, Fred Whitaker was recently discussing the number of donations received by the hospital over the past few months. He tells us that the number is quite high, coming as they do from various organizations, individuals and companies, as well as in the form of memorials. More and more this latter course is being used, with many people asking that donations be given in their memory to the hospital. We have also received a number of bequests from people who have passed away.

The hospital continues to be very busy, with near-capacity occupancy. The staff deserve a great deal of credit for operating so efficiently under such crowded conditions. We trust it will not be too long until that situation is rectified by an addition.

And speaking of the addition, the architects have returned to the original concept of the building, that of a one storey addition. This will probably be the form it will take when it materializes. We rather like the latest drawing, and favour this style of building. Let's have an excellent turnout for the annual meeting which takes place, Thurs. Jan. 13th. An ad appears in this week's paper. More details later in this column.

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## ASHGROVE

### March 2nd Last Service In Old Ashgrove Church

The annual meeting of the Hillcrest congregation was held on Wednesday evening, February 5th at the Ashgrove Church. Despite the cold stormy weather, and some blocked roads, a splendid attendance turned out. Rev. Keith Hawkes opened the meeting with a short Devotional, followed by the showing of a half hour film on "The Visitor", the Rev. Andrew Lalit, a guest from India to the United Church of Canada.

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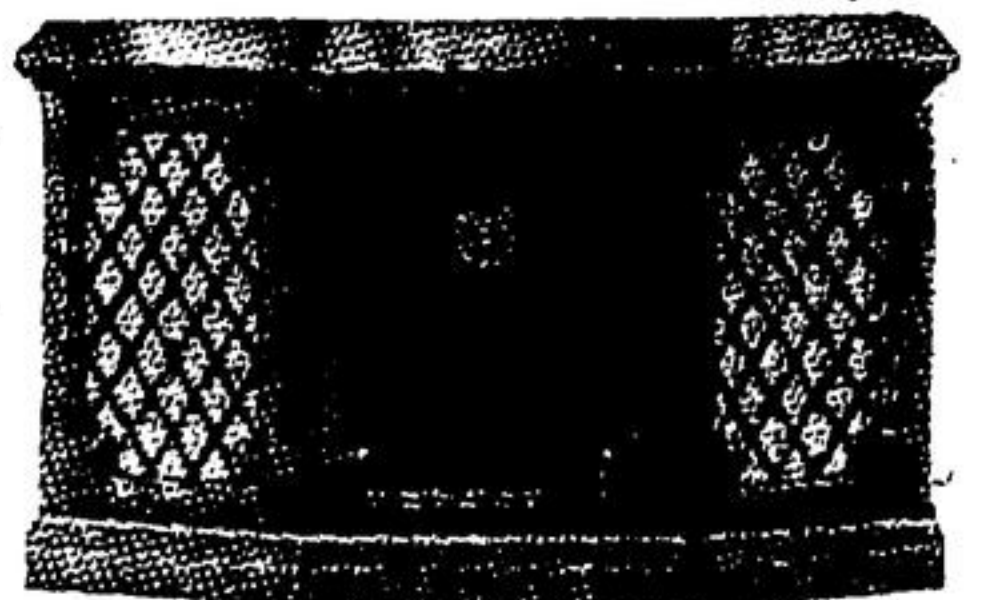
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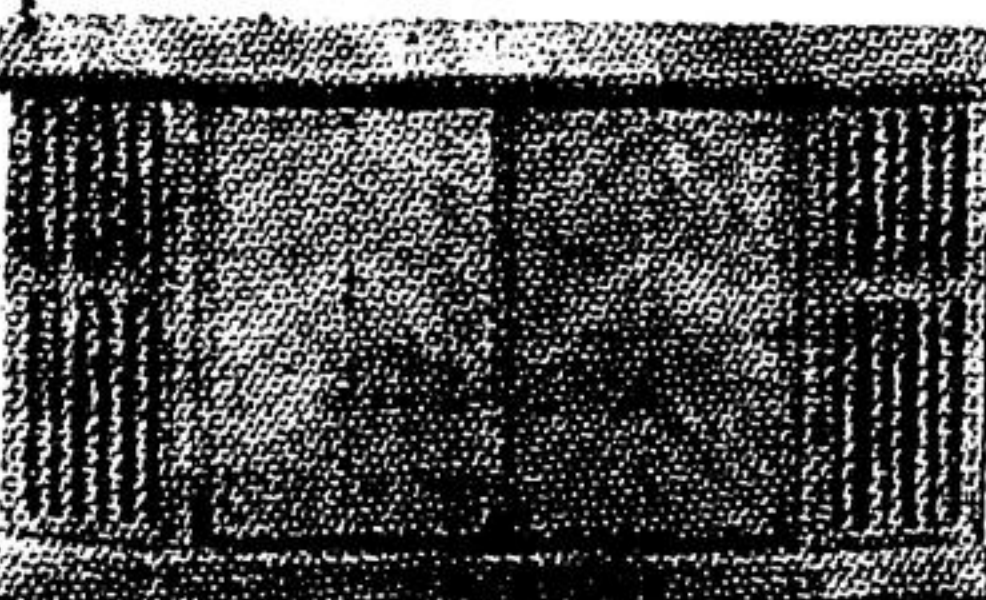
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## Charge Barrie Youths With Auto Theft Here

Two Barrie area youths were remanded to April 2 when they appeared in court last week on charges of auto-theft.

The pair were charged after a car owned by William Best of 5 Guelph St. was stolen last December 8.

One youth was remanded on \$400 bail and Judge J.R. Black was going to release the other on his own recognizance when the court was told he could not raise the bail.

The accused told the court he was still in school and would appear back April 2. After the recess, Crown Attorney William Boulton told the court he had checked with the boy's high school and was told he had been expelled from the school, Monday.

"You testified under oath that you were still at school," Judge Black rebuked. "How can the court believe anything else you say?"

The youth will be held in custody and remanded on a weekly basis unless he is able to raise \$200 cash or \$400 property bail, by April 2.