

# CHATTING . . . .

with Mary Biehn

When you've lived in the same place for many years, landscape and landmarks tend to become so familiar you're hardly conscious of them. Whether they're beautiful — or ugly — or unusual, or commonplace — they become part of an accepted pattern.

Sometimes it takes a stranger to point out something attractive that our eyes have passed over unseeing, hosts of times. That happened at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, when the guest speaker, a town planning consultant, made a sketch of Main Street, singling out the top facade of the R. H. Thompson building as having particular architectural beauty. In the countless times I've been on Main Street, I don't think I've ever lifted my eyes to consciously look at the architectural design of any one building. And the same sort of awareness hits you sometimes when you look at an artist's painting of a familiar house or landscape. Or when you've taken a picture and have to spend a startled moment or two trying to identify what is really an all too-familiar bit of background.

But my consciousness of the natural beauty of our town never really needs prodding. Our hills and vales, while making me huff and puff a bit when on foot, are what give Georgetown its chief charm. And our beautiful trees shading the streets are a priceless heritage from the first town planners, for which I never cease giving thanks. May we never take them for granted and treat them in a callous manner.

I have always felt this way, but especially so after a visit to Spain, where, in the city of Madrid, travel guides point with pride to their avenue of trees and a park, consisting mainly of trees, which people from the surrounding countryside travel for hundreds of miles to see and enjoy. And in times of drought, when much vegetation withers and dies, the city makes sure that its precious trees are watered as carefully as the most prized garden plant. Made me realize how lucky we are.

How lucky we are, too, to live in a town surrounded by beauty on all sides. I have my favourite little vantage points that I never tire of. If I'm driving, I can only sneak a couple of glances, but if I'm a passenger, I like to sit back and positively gloat over the vistas of lush countryside opening up before me.

For its ice, coming home from Brampton, at the top of the Norval hill what could be lovelier than that view? And at the top of the 5th Line bridge before driving down into Glen Williams, I never tire of seeing that vast valley spread out at my feet, bisected by a thread of road that climbs the escarpment at the opposite side and disappears into the horizon four or five miles away. Continuing on down the 5th Line into the Gler, the charm of the village stretched out along the winding road of the river valley, never fails to enchant.

As far as scenery is concerned, and as far as I'm concerned, you just can't miss, driving in and around Georgetown. Whenever we have occasion to drive out of town via Stewarttown I look forward to the steep dip down into its picturesque valley, before the pleasant drive thru Ashgrove's lush farmlands. The same goes for Limehouse. The road to the village, whichever one you elect to take, brings scenic enjoyment. And Limehouse itself, with its craggy outcroppings of limestone is a little beauty spot which has attracted many urban residents in recent years.

If you approach Georgetown from Acton, on Number 7 the view from the top of Silvercreek hill is lovely.

Which makes me think of another view I particularly enjoy. It is a little farther afield, but still in our orbit. You'll come upon it if you drive along highway 113, 25 from Acton to Milton. About midway, where the road curves in a downward spiral, I'm sure I can sometimes see Lake Ontario twenty miles to the south. . . . quite a panorama. I've always thought that particular spot would be ideal for a picnic. On the opposite side of the road at the summit is a lovely wooded area, with a small spring-fed stream falling over the rocks.

And that brings to mind another beauty spot, long known to Georgetowners because it is just nice hiking distance from town, heading north on the Wildwood road. An always cool oasis, shaded by great hickory oak and maples, 'Hickory Falls' is a beautifully clear spring stream cascading down wide stone steps into a deep gorge. It has to be seen in person, i.e., get out of the car and stand on the little wooden bridge which spans the stream, to be fully appreciated.

Making full use of the beauty of our rolling terrain, esthetically and sports-wise, are the two golf courses on opposite sides of the outskirts of town. I heard the idea expressed recently that having a hiking trail through these lovely areas might be feasible. Sounds wonderful.

In the case of our rural scenic delights, it is no stranger or artist, or photographer, that heightens our awareness these days. It is old Father Time. Situated as we are, smack in the middle of the Golden Horseshoe development, we are fated to be swallowed up in urbanization before many years. In the meantime, the knowledge lends a sharpened appreciation of even hitherto unnoticed bits of loveliness in the countryside around us.

## Vandalism, Noise Unwelcome Extra in Conservation Parks

Motorcycle riders and vandals have been making it very unpleasant for campers in Halton conservation areas.

Halton Region Conservation Authority has been hearing tales of how motorcyclists have been rampaging through park areas on their bikes harassing campers.

A pack of Cubs was kept awake all night at the Rattlesnake Point area by motorcyclists roaring their machines around the campsite. And in the Kelso area, a group of Girl Guides was also disturbed by the motorcycle riders.

Not only motorcyclists have been bothering persons trying to use the park facilities.

On one occasion, people at Kelso became so unruly that officials emptied the park at 4 p.m. and closed it for the rest of the day. Cars were roaring up and down ski hills, signs were destroyed, picnic tables thrown in the lake, and broken liquor and beer bottles tossed around.

At Rattlesnake Point, picnic tables have been thrown over the cliff and smashed on the rocks below.

The authority has asked police for co-operation in stopping the trouble in the park areas.

Ontario Provincial Police will conduct a drive to put an end to the disorders. An additional guard has been hired to patrol the parks during the night, said an authority spokesman.

## Three in Britain With Trade Mission

Tom Creaghan, General Manager, Manufacturing, Smith & Stone, Ltd., Max English, of English Plastics, Brampton, and Michael Burgoyne of DeHavilland Aircraft, have been selected as a member of the First Industrial Technology Development Mission sponsored by the Ontario Department of Trade and Development.

The mission left for London, England, on June 14 to attend the Polymers and High Performance Plastic Applications Conference. While in England the mission will also attend the Interplas '69 Plastic Exhibition at Olympia.

They are three of twelve mission members selected from industry and universities across Ontario. Upon return to Canada, the group will serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Trade and Development in the field of plastic sciences for a period of two years.

The Industrial Technology Development Mission program is part of the Ontario Government crusade to upgrade the technological status of our manufacturing industries with a view to increasing the Ontario export potential.

## HORNBY

## Many Prizewinners When Euchre Club Concludes

The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their final euchre of the season on Saturday night, June 21, at the North Trafalgar Recreation Centre. There were thirteen tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following winners.

Standing Broad Jump: Bantam boys: Glen Busby, Randy Fendley and John Nixon. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Jackie Dale and Laurie Irwin. Mini Bantam boys: Keith Guppy, Danny Cooper and John Kranendonk. Mini Bantam girls: Kelly Sedore, Kelly Frost and Laurie Robinson.

Running Broad Jump: Bantam Boys: Glen Busby, Randy Fendley and Wayne Schertel. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Laurie Irwin and Janice Finnamore. Mini Bantam boys: Keith Guppy, Keith Watt, and John Kranendonk. Mini Bantam girls: Donna Ridley, Kelly Frost and Christine Pomeroy.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Daikens (nee Eileen Bradley) who were married on Saturday, June 21st, at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Hornby. Rev. Canon J. E. Maxwell performed the wedding ceremony. The wedding reception was held in the church Sunday School hall.

— Mrs. Jim Hamilton

## Ideal Weather for School Sports Day

Norval public school held their annual field day on Thursday, June 5. The weather was ideal for the sports events. Mrs. T. Cascadden of Georgetown, retired teacher at Norval, presented the championship cups to the winners. Marianne Robinson was girl's champion and Glen Busby was the boy's champion. Teachers at the school are principal, Mrs. Hillson, Miss Robertson and Mrs. Glas. They teach grades one to six. The sports events were divided into 3 groups, Bantam (over 11 years), Mini Bantam (9-10 yrs.) and Midgets (8 and under). Winners of the various events were —

220 yard dash: Bantam boys: Glen Busby; Randy Fendley and Danny Hamilton; 100 yard dash: Bantam boys: Glen Busby; Danny Hamilton and Randy Fendley tied and Ken Wesse. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Jackie Dale and Laurie Irwin. Mini Bantam boys: Keith Guppy, Danny Cooper and Keith Watt; Mini Bantam girls: Kelly Sedore, Kelly Frost and Christine Pomeroy.

75 yard dash: Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson; Laurie Irwin and Jackie Dale; Mini Bantam boys: Danny Cooper; Keith Guppy and Keith Watt. Mini Bantam girls, Kelly Sedore, Kelly Frost and Laurie Robinson.

50 yard dash: Midget boys: John Guppy, Larry Woudstra and Christopher Reed. Midget girls, Janis Pomeroy, Dawn Harrison and Cathy Woolham.

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Running Broad Jump: Bantam Boys: Glen Busby, Randy Fendley and Wayne Schertel. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Laurie Irwin and Janice Finnamore. Mini Bantam boys: Keith Guppy, Keith Watt, and John Kranendonk. Mini Bantam girls: Donna Ridley, Kelly Frost and Christine Pomeroy. Midget boys: Barrie Robinson, Tommy Frost and Bruce Youmans. Midget girls: Janice Pomeroy, Susan Ewen and Penny Davis.

Ball Throw: Bantam girls: Jackie Dale, Laurie Irwin and Marianne Robinson. Mini Bantam boys: Kevin Harrison, John Kranendonk, and Danny Cooper. Mini Bantam girls: Kelly Frost, Kelly Sedore and Kim Woolham. Midget boys: John Guppy, Christopher Reed and Larry Woudstra. Midget girls: Cathy Woolham, Penny Lavis and Sandy Sedore.

High Jump: Bantam boys: Glen Busby, Randy Fendley and John Nixon. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Nancy Hamilton and Laurie Irwin. Mini Bantam boys: John Kranendonk, Danny Cooper and Kevin Harrison. Mini Bantam girls: Kelly Frost, Donna Ridley and Kelly Sedore. Midget boys: Tommy Frost, John Guppy and Bruce Youmans. Midget girls: Janis Pomeroy, Penny Davis and Cydney Sherry.

Wheelbarrow: Bantam boys: Wayne Schertel and John Nixon, Norman Parcels and Terry Guthrie, and Vince Lefebvre and Glen Waites. Midget boys: Christopher Reed and Barrie Robinson, John Guppy and Tommy Frost, and Bruce Cunningham and Billy Davis. Midget girls: Janis Pomeroy and Valerie Watt, Dawn Harrison, and Sandy Sedore and Shuna Steele and Laurie Guppy.

Backwards Race: Midget boys: Bruce Youmans, Billy Wittekeek and Shawn Vance. Midget girls: Janis Pomeroy, Dawn Harrison and Penny Davis.

3 Legged Race: Bantam girls: Laurie Irwin and Marianne Robinson, Liso Codlin and Janice Finnamore, and Cheryl Waites and Jackie Dale. Midget boys: John Guppy and Tommy Frost, Larry Woudstra and Shawn Vance, and Barrie Robinson and Richard Robinson. Midget girls: Diane Robinson and Sandy Sedore, Kim Bright and Allison Browne and Penny Davis and Susan Ewen, tied with Valerie Watt and Janis Pomeroy.

Shoe Scramble: Mini Bantam boys: John Kranendonk, Keith Guppy and Carl Neuman. Mini Bantam girls: Kelly Frost, Laurie Robinson and Christine Pomeroy.

Triple Jump: Mini Bantam boys: Keith Guppy, Kevin Harrison and John Lee. Mini Bantam girls: Donna Ridley, Kelly Frost and Gail Harrison. Bantam

boys: Glen Busby, Danny Hamilton and Randy Fendley. Bantam girls: Marianne Robinson, Cheryl Waites and Janice Finnamore.

Shot Put: Bantam Boys: Vince Lefebvre, Randy Fendley and John Nixon.

St. Paul's Anglican Church Sunday School enjoyed their

annual picnic at Terra Cotta Conservation area on Sunday, June 8 with about 65 attending. An afternoon of sports, races and games was enjoyed followed by a pot luck supper. Winners of the various events were children under 6, Walter Hanley; girls 6 to 8, Sandra Sedore; boys 6 to 8, Mathew Phillips; girls 9 to 12, Kelly Sedore; boys

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9 to 12, Bill Hanley; teenagers Linda LeDrew; men's stocking race Al Mahaffy; women's shoe kick, Jean Lindley; men and women's 3 legged race, Betty Phillips and Dave Korgzi.

— Mrs. Ed McLean



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