

## First long trip in 80th year



MANY HAPPY memories of Australia and Canada have been amassed by Mrs. H. Fishlock, who made her first trip out of England in her 80th year. She has been with her daughter, Mrs. Beryl Wright, in Eden Mills. —(Photo by Mrs. R. Wright)

By Mrs. R. Wright  
A visit in Eden Mills for the past two months will come to an end for Mrs. H. Fishlock when she will return to England Friday by jumbo jet.  
In her 80th year she had never been out of England before. When Mr. Fishlock died last year a daughter in Australia suggested she come on a visit.  
She says it took some deciding at her age! However, leaving last February she flew to Sydney, Australia and spent five months with her daughter and family. Then she flew to Canada from there to visit another daughter, Mrs. Beryl Wright and family in Eden Mills.  
She was happy to meet the

grandchildren she had never seen, two of whom are happily married. So she leaves with many happy memories.  
Her visit here was marred by an accident. Changing planes at Vancouver she fell and fractured her elbow and has had to have medical care since.  
She has enjoyed every minute of her visits to both places but preferred Canada. Sydney was a busy place for her as she couldn't keep up the pace. Eden Mills was more to her liking as when a girl she had lived in the country.  
Peaches by the basket have amazed her. In England they are ten-pence each and are considered a luxury. And tomatoes are so plentiful! It makes her think of her husband's little greenhouse with a few tomatoes the size of golf balls.  
A witty and wonderful lady, she will be remembered by many here. A member of the Over Sixty Club in Chippenham, England, she hopes to entertain them with tales of her travels and lots of pictures.

## Merchant 55 years

A merchant on Acton's main street for 55 years, Harold Wiles died in the Extended Care Wing of St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph, on September 8, at 81 years of age.  
He is survived by his sister Laura. He was born in Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiles and came to Acton as a boy.  
It was in 1909 that the Wiles bought the village's confectionery business from Miss Laura Ryder. Her shop was located where the Bank of Nova Scotia is now. There was candy and ice cream for sale, with a lawn at the side where the ice cream could be savored.

Moved in 1911  
In 1911 the business moved to the location where it was for so many years on Mill St. in the heart of the business section.

The ice cream parlor was a main attraction in those years. For a period of about 10 years they also served meals.  
At that time the Wiles lived on Church St., in the home where Father Morgan now lives. However, after Mrs. Wiles died in 1930, Harold and Laura took over part of the store for their own home.

It was a big event when bus service started in Acton, and the Wiles got the agency. The reeve and council and citizens all went over to see the first bus go through. They were small Studebaker buses that first year, and they were badly jostled on Highway 7 which had just been built.

They also specialized in candy, getting to know all the younger generation. With bus tickets, magazines, and papers, tobacco, pop, ice cream and snacks, their store was a popular one.

As well, the Wiles looked back on the many girls who worked for them over all those years. Among them was Mrs. Isabel Watson, one of their first clerks years ago, and later in business right across the street.

Greet visitors  
With his physical handicap limiting his activity, Harold Wiles would sit in the store and greet his many visitors each day.  
He was a keen sports fan and interested in politics.

He missed these callers very much when poor health forced his retirement seven years ago, and he and his sister moved to a roomy and attractive home on Knox Ave.

Funeral Friday  
Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Friday, September 10, conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Members of Walker Lodge attended and acted as pallbearers and flower bearers.



THE SCHOOL creek is beginning to show signs of flowing again as a result of the dredging going on there this week. —(Staff Photo)

## Discuss improvements to school creek

Improvements to the school creek were discussed at Acton council Tuesday, with costs to be shared by the town and the board of education on a 50-50 basis.  
Work has started on the clean-up with a shovel digging out a bed, and sloping banks. Sod is being laid along the banks and fill from the creek has been dumped at a horseshoe shaped area near the school bridge.

Councillors were pleased with the appearance of the project.  
Clerk Joe Hurst said plans are also being made to install dams at various levels along the creek, which could be drained when grass is being cut.

Council also reviewed the charges laid by Acton O.P.P.

An Acton man was charged with causing a disturbance in the Canadian Tire parking lot Sunday.

A man was found drunk in a public place by police Saturday, and on Tuesday a man was charged with impaired driving.

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## Librarian speaker at Institute

Miss Dorothy Simmons, president of the Acton Women's Institute, presided over the September meeting. She

welcomed the members back to a busy fall season. The thought for the day was a poem read, "Harvest Home" written by Jane Grey.

The Mary Stewart Collect and the Institute ode was repeated by 13 members present. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved, with correspondence dealt with.

Talent money  
The Area convention is to be held in Guelph October 28 and 27 at Dublin Street United Church. The standing committee gave their two minute reports. Money raising was discussed at great lengths; it was decided to make talent. The roll call was answered by each telling of their summer vacation.

The program was convened by Mrs. Mary Graham on education and citizenship. Miss M. Hall read a poem "The Salt of The Earth", followed by a contest conducted by Mrs. Earl Lambert, Mrs. G. Fryer being the winner.

The president introduced the guest speaker Miss Esther Taylor, assistant librarian and columnist, who spoke on education. In the past and in the present, times have changed. She referred to the demands of the modern child of the modern parents and how to cope with the drastic changes that have taken place in the school curriculum. She brought several old school books which were handed down to her from family to family, from which she got her education and which are still knowledgeable but

dated. The president closed the meeting with the W.I. Grace when a social half hour followed over a cup of tea.

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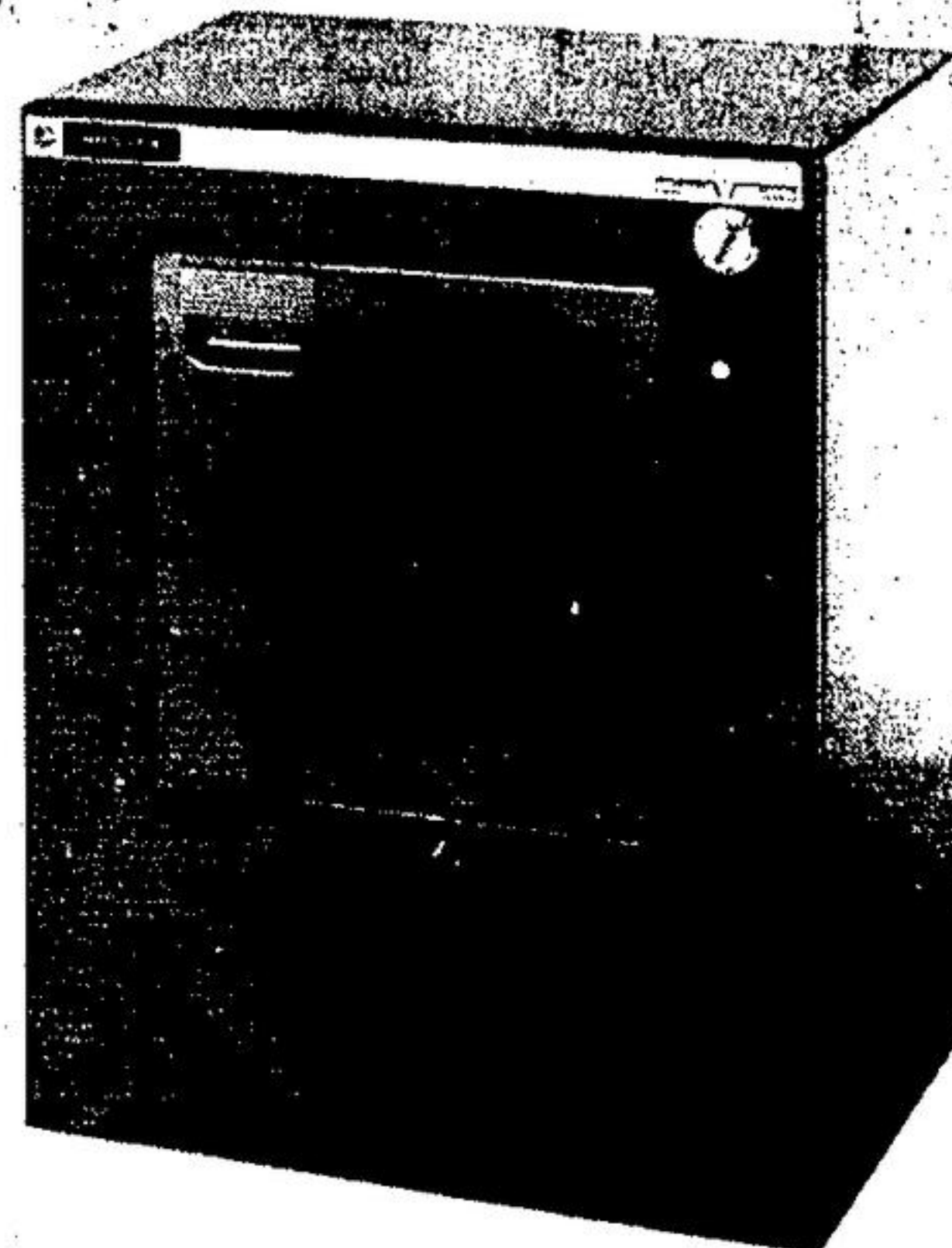
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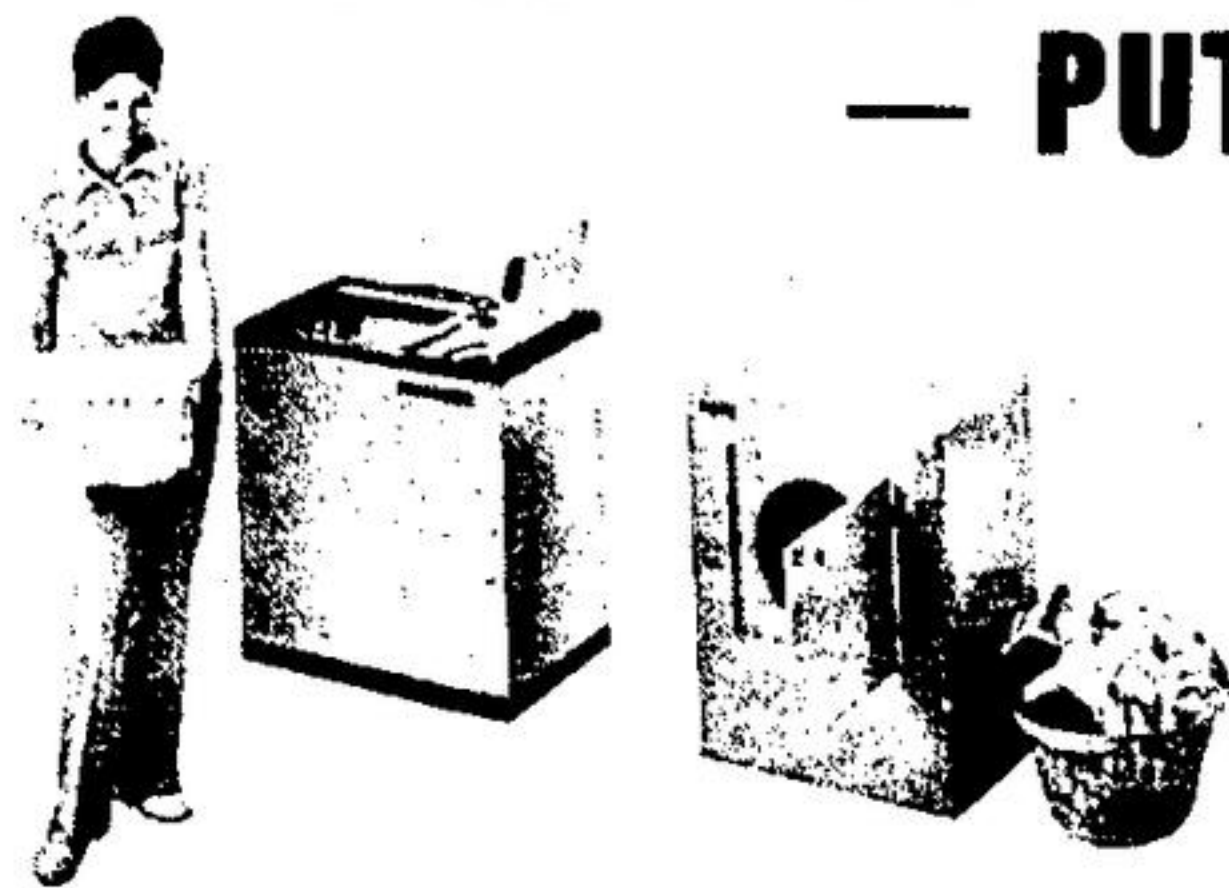
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