

By Wendy Thomson

When I started writing this column four years ago, many of the tale I told were about our animals, the horses, dogs, cats, geese, Andy the ferret, and many others. Lately, I think I've gotten away from having as many animal tales, because when you're on a farm, the animals go, one by one, sometimes they're replaced and sometimes

I think, too, that when you lose so many of them, you stop becoming involved with them, because of course it hurts when you lose an animal you've become fond of.

Tootling

Besides, back then I didn't really have that much else to write about, but now with all this tootling back and forth to the Rockies and having a wider range of interests, there are other things to write about too. But lately, people have been

stopping by to find out for themselves just what's been going on in the back pasture. Two and a half years ago, I wrote so much about my mare having twins, stories of them growing up, that people are curious as to how things turned out in the end. There have been so many

changes since I last wrote about the pasture, I hardly know where to start. Most of the activity around the barn concerned both the cats and the geese, so maybe I'll start with them. As usual, our tirree female cats

had kittens within a week of one another, Tansy-cat in the den-Cock-Eyed Cat in a isomory basket down stairs, and Tanseytwo in the bathroom. The last ones were premature, so I did away with them.

Then Tansy-two, with motherinstinct still intact, moved in with Tamy Cat's brood, to "help" take care of THEM. Her interference became so bad that Tansy decided to move her family out of Tamey two's range.

Off in hold She began by bringing a kitten to me, dropping it at my feet, and mesowing loadly. When I put it back in the best, she promptly probed at up in a huff and took off out the door surrogroup this poor little thing around take a dead

mouse or something. I followed with the other four, down to the empty bay barn, where she'd already fashioned a beautiful nest with a bit of hav all parked down in the middle and formed up into sides. In less then a minute. Tamey had the fine kittens all settled down and less there blinking contentedly at

Now that was airight for a few days, then Tanay-two found out where they were and she moved too. Just to keep everybody in one agent, I stricted Cock-Eyed Cat and ber family down there and everybody seemed to settle down to the usual occupations of washing feeding, and playing with mama's tail.

Cat in sack

After a week or so, Tansy-two decided for some reason, that she wanted a kitten of her own, grabbed one and moved it from the little hay barn into the big barn. When she had two tucked away in a pile of feed sacks, Tansy-Cat tried to bring the remaining three back up to the house. I kept taking them down, then she would fetch some from the big barn and Tansy-two would move a few back. Cock-Eyed cat's kittens got mixed up in there, too, and were being hauled all over the place.

It wasn't till after two of C.E. Cat's little ones died that I realized this dragging around was getting disasterous and brought the remaining two small ones up to the house where I could keep an eye on them. Then Tansy decided that the house was much more comfortable after all, and the next day she led her brood up. I found them all sitting on the doorstep with expectant looks on their faces.

Want Kit?

So now we have a houseful of kittens again, under, inside and draped over everything. incidentally, there are two not spoken for, if anyone's interested. Meanwhile, I'm enjoying them.

Right now, I can look out the window and see two buzzard type birds, way up high, circling round and round. I'm keeping an eye on them just in case they-re keeping an eye on the hound, She, who's stretched out on the lawn Uniconscious.

We got up this morning to find her satting in the front hall, looking very abject, a face full of porcuone quills. Unfortunately she had them in her mouth too, so I phoned the good Dr. Oakes and got him out of bed (when a person gets up at 5.30, 7.00 seems quite an acceptable hour to phone

someone else. — to me, that is.) She was bundled into the car and into town, and on return was stretched out in the shade till she comes to. Probably to those birds' eyes, she looks quite dead, so I think I'd better go out and make some signs of life, so they don't come down for a closer

Goose stories next week.

Elaine Johnson, Randy Mitchell married at St. Alban's Sept. 9

Elaine Myra Johnson and Randy Warren Mitchell were married in an afternoon doublering ceremony at St. Alban's Anglican church on September 9. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alec Johnson, R.R.4, Acton. She attended Robert Little school, Acton high school and graduated from the Perth Huron School of Nursing, Stratford. She is a nurse at Peel Memorial hospital, Brampton.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mitchell, Sarnia, and is a plumber with Garbett Plumbing and Heating, George-

Rev. Harry Dawson officiated at the marriage and Mrs. F. Oakes played the organ. Soloist Mrs. Flora McKenzie Harris sang Speak Softly Love, Ave Marie and We've Only Just

White and yellow glads and mums decorated the church. Wore cameo

The bride wore a floor length white organza gown with long full sleeves and train with Alencon lace appliques. Her Juliet cap was appliqued in Alencon lace and seed pearls and held a long silk veil. She carried a trailing cascade of Talisman roses and stephanotis.

She also wore a cameo brooch belonging to her late maternal grandmother, which was also worn by her mother on her wedding day.

Maid of honor was Marianne Coles, Burlington, a friend and the bridesmaids Glynis Johnson, sister of the bride, and Cathy Mitchell, Sarnia, sister of the groom.

They wore floor length gowns of Talisman colored polyester crepe with long full sleeves and wide cuffs. They carried nosegays of yellow mums and Talisman ribbon and wore yellow mums in their hair.

Flower girl

Sheri-Lynn Johnson, niece of the bride, was flower girl wearing a floor length gold polyester crepe dress trimmed with Talisman crepe, with short puffed sleeves. She carried a small white and gold basket of yellow mums and talisman ribbon, and wore a band of yellow mams and lily-of-the-valley in her hair.

Ring bearer was Mark E. Johnson, Acton, nephew of the

Mr. Johnson escorted his daughter down the aisle. Geoomsman was lan G. Johnson. Acton, brother of the bride and the ushers were Paul Phelan. Acton, cousin of the groom, and John Hoare, Acton, a friend

The reception was held in Acton Curling Club, with guests attending from Hamilton, Stratford, Sarnia, Strathroy, London, Ningara Falls, Toronto,

Burlington and Acton. Telegrams were read from

"A resourceful woman, Connie

makes use of all available talent.

She had an artistic teenager

designing Blood clinic posters

last year. And to save laundry

expenses while recruiting new

volunteers, this persuasive

woman has local Red Cross

admirers, unable to leave their

homes to do volunteer work.

laundering and ironing the blue

smocks for blood clinic

volunteers. She explains, "If you

find someone who is interested,

"As a teenager in Holland

during World War II, Connie had

relatives who were prisoners of

war. She recalls, "We were very

aware that the Red Cross was

taking packages of food etc. to

get him involved."

ELAINE JOHNSON and Randy Mitchell were married in St. Alban's Church September 9. The bride wore her grandmother's cameo brooch.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Johnson wore a floor length gown of cerise polyester crepe with long sleeves gathered into a deep cuff and broad belt fastened with a diamante buckle, silver accessories, a silver bow in her hair and a white orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a floor length gown of deep green crepe with smocked long sleeves and bodice, silver choke chain and bag, and a white orchid with gold bow.

Yellow mums and glads decorated the club for the reception. The wedding flowers were arranged by Mrs. Elsie Syme, a friend of the Johnson amily.

The couple left on a trip to the Muskoka Lakes and Sarnia, Leaving, the bride wore a floorlength black, red and yellow plaid skirt, matching cape with tassle

"At that time Connie herself

was active in the Dutch under-

ground movement, but is

reluctant to speak of her

experiencesduring "that horrible

"After the war, Connic served

with the Royal Dutch Navy in

Indonesia when President

Sukarno came to power, "That's

where I picked up my husband, a

residents, the Red Cross means

help. Consequently, the branch

receives requests for assistance

of all types, including personal

problems. Connie finds that often

the best thing she can do to help is

listen. For this reason, the

branch phone also rings in the

"Now, about all that spare time

Nieuwhof home."

"To many Georgetown

captain in the marine corps."

time we try to forget."

(Photo by W. Stuckey)

They are living at 138 Elizabeth Dr., Acton. Pre-wedding events Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mitchell hosted a dinner for the wedding party after the rehearsal, Sept. 8

Several events were held for the bride-to-be, Mrs. Ian Johnson and Mrs. Stuart Johnson held a miscellaneous shower July 6. Mrs. Hennie Haslip and Mrs. Yvonne Dejarlias, Sarnia, held a miscellaneous shower Aug. 3. Miss Marianne Coles and Miss Glynis Johnson, Acton, held a

linen shower Aug. 29.

gardenia.

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian

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1. Georgetown, 3rd Prize, Tricycle.

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Family Page

## Glimpses of far north at Dublin W.I. meeting

Glimpses of the Far North were seen when Mrs. L. Dittrich showed pictures of Inuvik and district in the North West Territories, to the members of Dublin Women's Institute on Thursday evening, Mrs. Dittrich has been a guest several times of her son and family who reside at Inuvik, and had taken these colorful pictures. All were interested in her commentary about "the land of the midnight

She also exhibited many articles of Eskimo and Indian workmanship, and the women were fascinated with their crafts. Pictures were also shown of Frobisher Bay, Baffin Land, where the Rev. Mr. Dittrich formerly resided. In presenting the guest speaker with a samil gift, Mrs. M. Hunter thanked her for an evening of much interest. education and enjoyment.

The hostess for the evening was Mrs. D. Hunter, 313 Westcott Dr. and there was a splendid attendance of members.

Mrs. H. Blyth, president, occupied the chair for the opening exercises and business.

When joined

Mrs. M. Hunter called the roll. Each lady answered when and where she had joined the Women's Institute. It was quite interesting as some have been members for many years, others joining within the last year or so.

A report of a special meeting of the Branch Directors which bad been recently was outlined by the secretary, when several items of business had been dealt

Tentative plans were made for the catering to a large wedding in mid-October with a committee of Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. M. Hunter, Mrs. F. Kirton, Mrs. I. McKnight and Mrs. C. Armstrong named to look after the details.

Pen-pals write Two very interesting letters were read from pen-pals in New Zealand and South Africa. Both correspondents are Women's Institute members, and wrote in a very colorful manner of their own branches, their familes and their countries. All were interested in the happenings in the two countries so far away.

Voting delegate The area convention of Guelph



FIRST PLACE boy, 13 to 18 months, in the fall fair beby show is Andrew McVeigh. -(Photo by W. Thomson)

Stratford this year on November 2 and 3 with Mrs. H. Blyth named to attend as a voting delegate. A review of the resolutions which will be presented at this meeting. was made by the secretary, Mrs. Hunter, and they will be voted on

A donation of \$10 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association was approved.

at the next Branch meeting.

Final plans for the Milton and Georgetown Fall Fair Exhibits were completed. Congratulations were extended

to the Dublin 4H Senior Girls who received the Hinton Trophy for their exhbit at Acton Fall Fair. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. E. Norton, Mrs. A. Near and Mrs. House, Assisted by the hostess. Mrs. D. Hunter and a social time was enjoyed by the

Wrong babies Unfortunately a couple of

errors were made in the fair bahy biby show story last week. First and second place winners in the class for boys 7 to 12 months were switched. In first place was Jeffrey Renaud, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Renaud of Actus. He and his mother's picture appeared, wrongly called Mrs. McVeigh and son.

In second place in the category was Edward Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davut Hawkins of Acton.

IT'S officially fail now.

REPAIRS continue at the west remail of the arena.

## relatives of the bride in England. fringe, red knit blouse and white Georgetown has a real Dutch treat

The official house organ of the Canadian Red Cross had an article in the most recent issue entitled Georgetown's Dutch Treat-honoring Connie Nieuwhof-s name well known here as well as in Georgetown, where she is public relations chairman of the local branch of the Red Cross.

The article suggests: "If you live in the Georgetown area and have some spare time you don't know what to do with, give Connie Nieuwhof a call. She can suggest 101 jobs, large or small, waiting for the right person to do them.

"Presently Georgetown and District Red Cross Public Relations Chairman, Connie has been active in the branch since 1959, five years after emigrating from her native Holland with her husband Jack and son Peter.

"Connie's busy days include volunteer work for the Local Council of Women, the Georgetown Branch of the Guelph Community Concert Association. the local hospital auxiliary. Catholic Women's League, and the Liberal party. Occasionally she accompanies out-patients to Guelph hospital's psychiatric clinic for counseiling. But her



CONNIE NIEUWHOP main activity outside the home

centres on Red Cross. "As P.R. Chairman, Connie is involved in all the branch programs and feels that "Public Relations is the soul of the branch if it is done right." This means constantly being aware that "we're not working with material

things they're human beings." "She feels strongly that good efforts and results on the part of fellow volunteers should be

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## Greenock 4-H / officers named

The first meeting of the Greenock 4-H club was held on Sat., Sept. 23 at the home of Barbera Gates, Leaders Barb Gates and Donna Milton started the meeting by handing out the

member's pamphlets. Officers were elected as follows: president - Barb Upshall, vice president - Nadla Kuscuda, secretary -Cousins, telephone convener -Cecilia Milton.

The leaders asked questions

**GOT your Prespect to Halton** molication in yet? The passports aren't yet out in the must, but the applications are fleeding in.

with milk. Members are Leah Leslie. Donna Milton, Cecilia Milton, Barb Gates, Nadia Kuscuda, Nancy DeGraaf, Janis Cousins, Barb Upshall. WEDDING

about how different kinds of milk were made and the content of each. Afterwards they demcontrated how to make Quick Choese Pizza. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cheese pizzas along

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