

Close look at Africa

By Janice Gibson

Last Friday, we had an entirely different view of Africa than the usual television broadcast provides. Bob Bateman, a successful artist, teacher, and naturalist, gave us a close look at Africa.

Mr. Bateman related to us some of his experiences with the wildlife that lived in and around his house. These ranged from ants to pythons. We saw slides of monkeys, so small, two of them fit into a Campbell's soup can; a bird so weird, he belongs in a cartoon, and an invasion of ants from

floor level view.

More detail

Mr. Bateman attended our mini school last year and gave us an overall account of his adventures then. Friday, though, got into a lot more detail and was really interesting.

I must say I admire Mrs. Bateman for her courage. I am sure many of us would scream with horror, at what she had to put up with during her stay in Africa.

It was thoroughly enjoyable, and I hope Mr. Bateman will return again this year, for our mini school.

Notes from Acton High

By Janice Gibson

"Don Juan in Hell" was the title of the play that a number of Creative Drama and English students went to see last Thursday. Mr. Sansom was ill and so Mr. Ellis and one parent chaperoned. The plays were performed at the O'Keefe Centre, but not in the typical fashion. The performers just stood on stage and read their scripts. It was interesting, anyway, and the students enjoyed themselves.

Few register

Very few registered for night school classes for this term last Wednesday evening, and the only class which will be held is typewriting, continued from last term.

While notices had been sent home with school children, and an ad in last week's Free Press,

on the actual date of registration, was the first notice for most people of the three classes offered.

Man in charge of night schools for the county is Willard Price.

The first term was quite successful.

Snowmobile involved hit and run accident

Both the owner and driver of a snowmobile were charged by Acton O.P.P. Friday, following a hit and run collision on Churchill Rd. S. A parked car owned by a Ballinafad man was struck about 10.30 p.m. and snowmobilers left the scene. After investigating, the police laid the two charges.

Another operator of a snowmobile had two charges laid against him last week, of not having a license and not having current plates.

Investigation is continuing following another hit and run collision Friday when a parked

car on Vimy St. was struck. Damage was estimated at \$150.

Cars collide

Two cars collided in the parking lot at the Valleyview Apartments Saturday, drivers John Barry of Acton and George Hamilton, both of Acton. The Barry car had estimated \$100 damage.

On Monday the Reliable snack bar reported three youths left without paying for their food. Police subsequently charged three persons with fraudulently obtaining food.

Silver-Wood

by Mrs. George Burt

The Silver-Wood W.I. ladies held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. George Henderson on Thursday evening, January 11. 14 members attending. Mrs. Giffen opened the meeting by all singing the opening ode and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. We made a donation to the mental health, and Halton Music Festival. The members are working on a bale of clothing to be sent to Korea.

Thank you notes were read from shut ins who received fruit at Christmas time.

Mrs. Beenev gave a very good report on the Area Convention that she attended at Stratford in the fall.

The meeting was turned over to the convener Mrs. D. Lindsay. Mrs. Carmichael gave current events and Mrs. Henderson told of some of her duties as a board member.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffield are spending a month in Florida.

The Acton Jr. Farmers had a snowmobile party at the home of Earl and Frances McLean on Friday night. It was a cold night, but they report a good time.



OUTSTANDING performers with their teams, Maureen Gerth of the AHS Juniors and Cathy McLeod (37) of the Milton High School Mustangs jump for the ball during Monday's Halton County Athletic Conference volleyball match here. The Acton girls pushed the match to the full five games before bowing. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

U.C.W. unit 2 plans pot luck donation

Unit 2 of the U.C.W. met in the parlors of Trinity United Church. Mrs. Lidka in the chair opened with a poem, purpose and Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Shoemaker had the devotional period and took as her theme, the life of Moses with a hymn and prayer.

Mrs. Shields read the introduction paper on Africa and it stressed the very great difference between their way of life to ours.

Buy food

The ladies were to buy cake

and rolls for pot luck dinner for annual meeting Jan. 28. A baby crib quilt was donated by Miss Simmons either for sale or to be packed in a bale.

Mrs. Shoemaker gave her usual report on sick and shut-ins, also many thankyou cards for baskets at Christmas time, 22 baskets and 12 gifts in all.

Roll call was answered by 19 ladies and there were 28 home calls and two hospital calls.

A lovely lunch was served by Mrs. Shoemaker's group. All officers of the group are to carry on.

Obituary

James G. Ralston

funeral on Tuesday

A well-known member of the community for the past 29 years, James G. Ralston died at Hyde Park Nursing Home, Guelph, on January 13. Mr. Ralston had had a prolonged illness and was 83 years of age.

Mr. Ralston is survived by his wife Elizabeth, 55 Victoria Ave., daughters Mrs. Amy Cook, Acton; Mrs. Thelma Hume, Parry Sound; Mrs. Muriel Gamble, Bramalea; Mrs. Shirley Roberts, Milton; sisters Mrs. Stella McGladrey, Thornton; Mrs. Ruby Prentice, Arthur and Mrs. Ruth Sparks, New York; brothers John of Etobicoke and Clarence of Florida; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter Helen Dennis of Lethbridge and son Flying Officer Ron Ralston.

Stationary engineer

Born in South River in 1889, he was married at Powassan in 1916. After living at South River and Nobel the family moved here 29 years ago. Mr. Ralston was a stationary engineer.

He was the first president of Acton Golden Age club and attended Trinity United church.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, January 16 at the Humley-Shoemaker funeral home conducted by Dr. W. Onions. Pallbearers were grandsons Peter and Ricky Roberts, Milton; Garry and Bryan Walker, Acton; James Hume, Parry Sound and Michael Gamble, Bramalea. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

Correct list of pallbearers

Pallbearers at the funeral of the late Trueman Spence were incorrectly listed in last week's Free Press. The pallbearers were Bert Lee, Ran Daly, Mac McEachern, Gord Harding, Jim Perusello and John Mowat. Our apologies for the error.

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Free Press Personals

Several Acton ladies have joined a group making a trip to Hawaii next month. They're looking out their summer dresses in anticipation.

Paul Cooper is home from Europe but friend David Cooksley has stayed in Israel. Mrs. Fred MacArthur has more news of these young travellers in her Churchill correspondence today.

Corp. Bob Arbour is ill in Tilsonburg hospital. He came to Acton to replace the late Corp. Ray Mason, and has an apartment here. He was visiting back in his home town when he became ill on the weekend.

About 20 members of Acton Junior Farmers and friends enjoyed a snowmobile party on

Friday evening at the home of Earl and Frances McLean on the ninth line below Erin. There were 12 machines rounded up for the evening. Hot chili proved the perfect dish to end the evening.

Hundreds of painters, performers, craftsmen, writers and others creatively involved in the arts will get together this weekend in Toronto in hopes of improving the social and financial status of the artist.

They will be participating in Direction Ontario, January 19-21 at O'Keefe Centre and the King Edward Hotel, a meeting initiated by the Canadian Conference of the Arts. H. H. Hinton, vice chairman of the board of governors, Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology, is among those registered.

Mrs. Minnie Griese marks birthday

A house where hospitality reigns supreme was honored by a surprise visit from the members of Bannockburn Women's Institute and neighbors, the occasion being the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Minnie Griese on Jan. 10. Every one expressed greetings and best wishes.

Beautiful flowers and cards were received by the honored guest, but the real gift she received was a surprise visit of her eldest boy John and Irene from Pembroke.

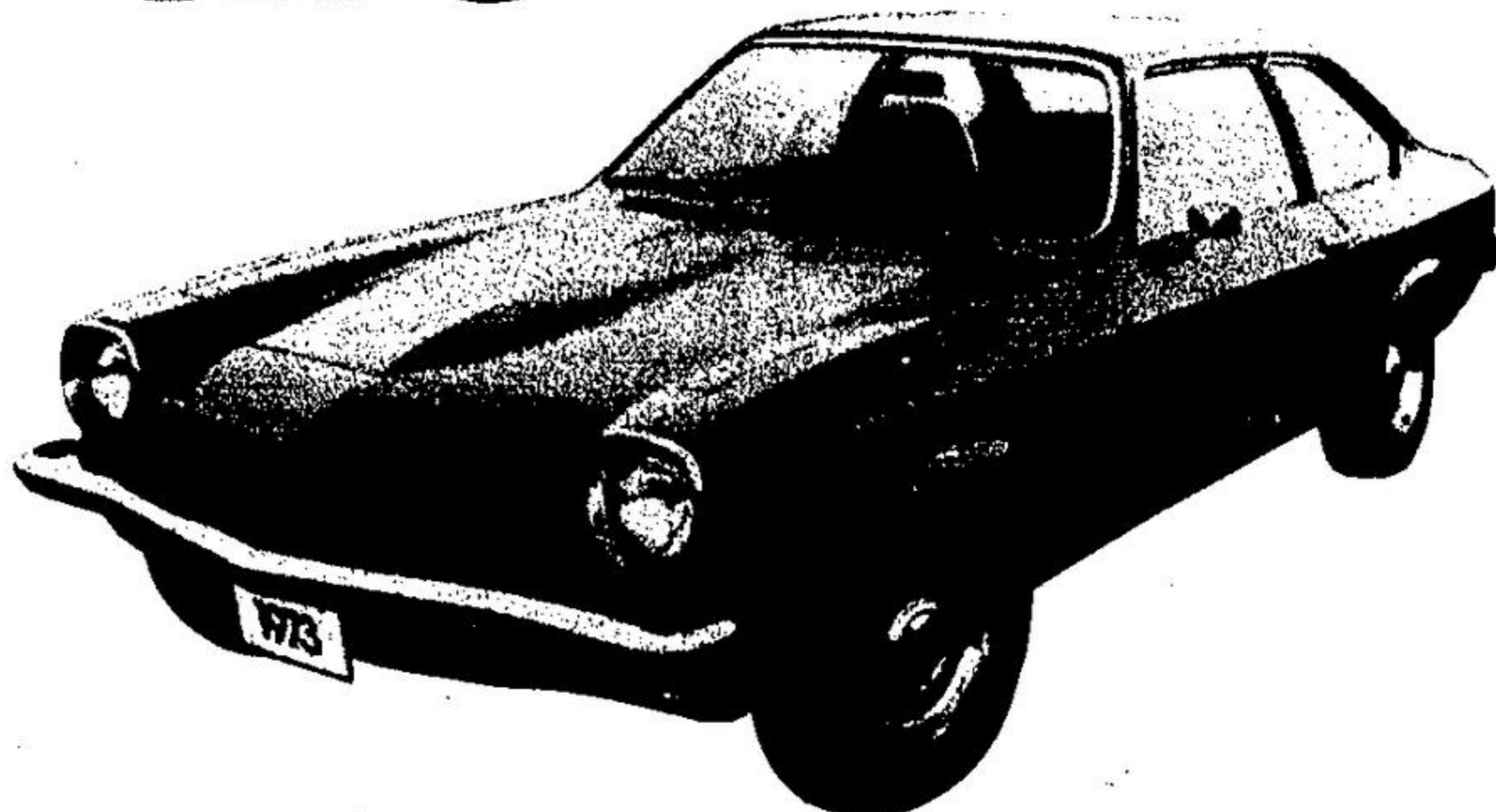
Toa was served by Mrs. C. Sinclair, Mrs. W. Linham and Mrs. Stan Morrison. A beautiful birthday cake made by Mrs. Linham and aglow with candles was cut by Mrs. Griese while everyone sang Happy Birthday. Everyone enjoyed a social time and hope to meet again next year. A family get together was held on Monday when her sons

Cranston, and Cris and family from Acton and Donald and Lillian from Oakville came home. All wish her many happy returns and good health in her future years.

Special speakers annual meeting

Rev. John Robson, Minister of Queen St., East, Presbyterian church, Toronto, and Miss Charlotte Stuart, deaconess on the national staff of the W.M.S. and appointed by them to work in Queen St. East Church and Inner City will act together as a team to portray "Faith in Action" at the seventh annual meeting of Brampton Presbyterian in Knox Church Presb. Church, Georgetown, on Wed. February 7.

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