

## "It's the berries" for hundreds of pickers



RECENTLY MOVED from Newmarket, Actonite Dorothy McAlleese picks berries at Glen Mar Farms because she likes the fresh fruit and talking with people in the berry patch.

—D. Pink photo

By Dave Pink  
Becoming increasingly popular in this area is an activity involving rising with the sun, driving several early morning miles and settling into a dew-soaked berry patch for a good morning's picking.

With strawberry season over and gone, fresh fruit freaks have turned their attention to raspberries. One of the few "pick your own" raspberry depositories in the locality is Glen Mar Farms along the Nasasagwaya-Esqueuing town line just north of 17 Sideroad.

Glen Mar manager Glen Inglis decided to open his fruit fields to the public when he was unable to hire berry pickers at any price. Since then he's found a "pick your own" sign at the gate of the premises has attracted more than enough pickers willing to work for a saving and the satisfaction of doing it themselves.

400 pickers  
Mr. Inglis says about 400 people gather in the berry patches, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Although he is willing to vend the frilly morsels Sunday, the berry bushes are usually picked out by the enthusiastic Saturday crowd.

Most Glen Mar customers live in Acton, Milton and Rockwood areas but a sizeable percentage of those in the patch travel from as far away as Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Mississauga, Brampton and Toronto, the majority arriving before 7:30 in the morning.

They come with a variety of berry receptacles ranging from apple baskets to glass jars, though most man the standard quart containers. Many realize

they will increase their savings if they are not forced to purchase containers at the sites. Glen Mar charges only a dollar for every three quarts if containers are supplied.

Mr. Inglis feels the prices are not the bargain his customers receive picking their own fruit. Choosing every individual berry they buy gives "pick your own" patrons an advantage over those buying from the retailer.

Glen Mar customers are generally pleased with the quality of berries, regulars concede they have improved with the recent rains. Mr. Inglis is hoping to improve the quality of his berries working in coordination with the Horticulture Department at the University of Guelph.

Aside from the obvious motivations of fresh fruit, preserves, pies and frozen fruit for the winter, there are other factors inspiring berry lovers to sacrifice some early morning shuteye.

A young Rockwood resident claimed the only reason she was there was because her parents got her up. An elderly Streetsville man claims he enjoys getting up early in the morning, "best part of the day", he said. "I used to

pick berries as a kid," he continued. "Takes me back."

"It's the berries"  
A Brampton couple thought acquiring the berries was a side effect of an excursion in the country. "It's a change," they said, "and the kids like it."

This was only the beginning of the day for a Toronto resident. She planned to spend the rest of Saturday visiting area friends.

Everyone doesn't enjoy berry picking. A Rockwood woman, perhaps familiar with the scenery, proclaimed "Strawberries are easier to pick than raspberries."

A Milton area mother enjoys picking so much she wants to share it with the entire family. Though one member of her brood was to young to take an active part berrying he seemed to be enjoying the morning air patching in a playpen. Another Milton woman claims she goes berry picking to meet interesting people.

Mr. Inglis realizes many Glen Mar patrons are there for an outing and it is for this reason he is hoping to have picnic grounds and refreshment facilities set up by next year. Two new fields will be ready to surrender the small red berries by that time.



CLAIRE PURL, of Milton, claims she is "berry nuts". She feels it costs too much in the store and that its more fun getting your own.

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## Credit Valley grads



NANCY SNOW

Nancy Snow graduated from the Credit Valley school of Nursing on July 27. The graduates attended a formal at the Skyline hotel the following evening, Saturday, July 28.

Nancy graduated from Acton High school. She will be beginning nursing in Kapuskasing in October.



CAROL MASALES

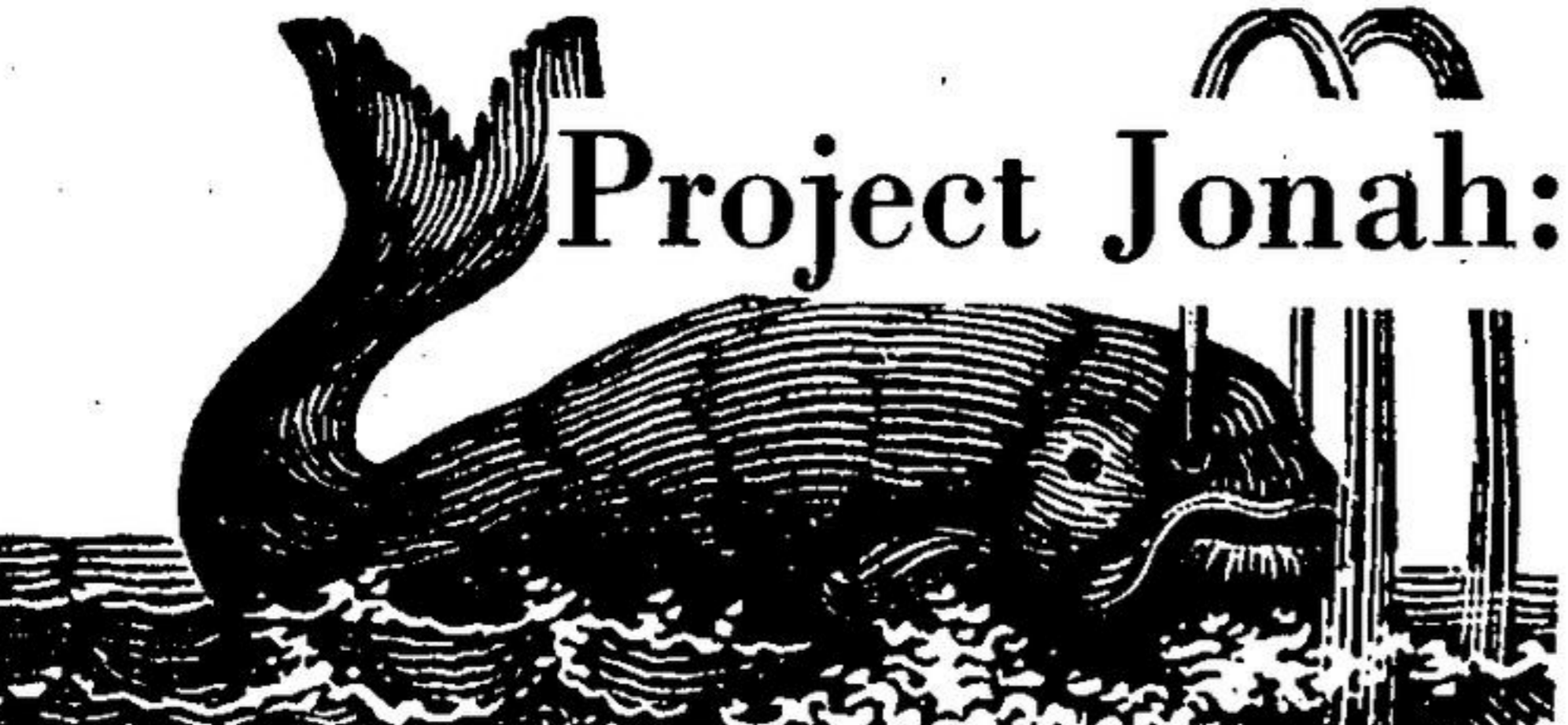
Carol Masales also graduated from the Credit Valley School of Nursing July 27.

Present at the graduation ceremonies were her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Masales, her fiancé Peter Higgs, Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith of Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. K. McCreery from Mississauga.

Saturday evening, July 28, she also attended the formal for the graduates at the Skyline Hotel. Carol is a graduate of Acton High school.

She will be nursing at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, starting in September.

Nearly 20 percent of the value of all exports from Canada is derived from forest-based industries, approximately one-third of it coming from Ontario.



## Project Jonah:

## whale of a tale

Susan Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Lorna Clarke, Elizabeth Drive, Acton, is having a whale of a time working for a non-profit, tax-exempt society devoted to the protection of whales, dolphins and porpoises.

It is called Project Jonah. Well known author Farley Mowat is president.

Contacted by the Free Press. Sue agreed to write an article about her unusual job. She in turn urged us to ask you to write for more information to Lynn Cunningham, 12 Dacotah, Toronto 128, Ontario.

We don't know exactly where Sue is but the envelope is post-marked Cap De Rosiers, Province of Quebec, which we assume is somewhere along the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Anyway here is her story, which includes a plug for Project Jonah, of course:



SUE CLARKE

Project Jonah is an international organization, striving for the cessation of whaling. Just this June, the International Whaling Commission did not pass the proposal for a ten year moratorium, by the required majority.

In addition to efforts for an international agreement, Project Jonah in Canada has extended its program to include a long term survey of the abundance and habits of whales in Canadian waters.

Several people have started the survey in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, James Bay and off the coast of B.C. Our work entails finding locations where whales feed close enough to shore to observe them.

It has been our experience to wait for hours with binoculars

and camera ready. Then suddenly you hear and see the blow of a 60 foot whale only 30 feet in front of you.

The long back and the dorsal fin are acutely observed in order to identify the species. Our work also includes gathering information from local farmers and fishermen and going out in their boats, whenever possible.

Dedicated whale lovers, like Farley Mowat, president of Project Jonah Canada are working desperately for the whales. But the concern and support of Canadians is needed, in writing and in donations. It is hoped that next year people can be paid a salary, and that lodgings, food and equipment can be provided through Project Jonah.

Whales are in this year, or at least they are finally getting some well-deserved publicity. But whether human recognition

of these amazing creatures is granted after their extinction, has yet to be seen.

The most familiar whale is the common dolphin. Because of his small size and his human-like brain, he has been the subject of much research.

It appears that these whales have a highly sophisticated ability to communicate and the possibility of communication between whales and humans is an exciting challenge. We don't have to anticipate interstellar communication, we have whales on earth, with brains several times the size of ours.

But within five years, these highly intelligent beings may be extinct. The blue whale, the largest animal ever to live, may be reduced past recovery, and the other species can expect the same fate. They are not dying of old age, disease or famine. They have not upset their environment or in any way provoked a disaster.

Their only predator, the human being, has massacred the whale populations for lubricants, pet food and cosmetics, all of which can be synthetically made.

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Clerk-Administrator

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