

TRAIL RIDERS CLIMB THE ROCKIES amidst her column "The Painted Box". glorious peaks shrouded with snow. But trail riding has Photo its other moments, too, as Wendy Thomson reports in

-Wendy Thomson





TRAIL RIDING IN THE ROCKIES

It is now 5:30 a.m., July 22, in Banff. Gord has just staggered off all bleary-eyed to lend a hand with the horses, while I have a bath (my fifth in two days) before heading back up the mountains for another

This type of life seems to agree with that husband of mine, but is rather frustrating from my point of view, because I seldom see him. Change up

Last week the time change between Alberta and Ontario had us waking up at 5:30 here (7:30 Ontario time) so Gord lit the fire in our tepee, built fires under the tea and coffee cauldrons and huge pots of water for washing, then started to feed the 50-odd horses. He came in to the cook tent at 8, to fill up on pancakes, eggs, bacon

and coffee, then headed out for the day with 45 riders, leading the lunch horse. Come 4:30 or 5-when back in camp, Gord helped unsaddle and feed the herd, had supper, then either chopped wood for the 18 tepees.

or went jingling (Yes, "jingling". When I first heard that I thought it was somebody's western variation of "tinkling" but it just meant herding the horses out to graze.)

Anyhow, by the time he's done, it's polka time in the big tent and Gord is just raring to go. If a square dance should get started, he'll be come close.

out till midnight, swinging and do-si-do-ing. Not all pleasure

Now that isn't a regular trail rider's day-that is eating, riding, dancing, sleeping and being taken care of beautifully. But the camp crew needed a hand, so Gord swung right in. It is surprising what a person can do and enjoy when they don't really have to.

1 offered a hand in the cook tent a couple of times, but mostly the

two cooks have such a good routine that another person in the kitchen

only gets in the way. However, I did learn to crisp cook 20 pounds of bacon in a wood stove (only 15 pounds if there were fresh trout to fry up for breakfast) and took over the time-consuming tasks of making up 10 loaves of sandwiches for the picnic lunch on the trail, once or twice, and keeping an eye on pies in the oven (12 of them, apple and blueberry, all gone in nothing flat.)

And helped get two 30-pound roasts of beef on the barbecue in the smoke tent. Nothing all that much really, but it gave the cooks a

chance to nap or sunbathe, or whatever. I can see out the hotel window from the desk. Masses of clouds are low-lying all in between the mountains and it looks as though it might be a wet day.

Scenery magnificent

Last week's ride was just about perfect in every way-the sky was perfectly clear every day; the only person dumped off by a frisky horse was a guide; the scenery was, as I said last week, absolutely magnificent.

And the people? Marvelous!

The last night in camp is sort of a fun night where the riders put on a little show, if they like, and some of the skits were hilarious! I wish I could have gotten movies of them.

Last week was so perfect, in fact; that I'm honestly thinking of making this year my last ride, as I don't see how any other ride could

Billings - Abram wedding vows

Eden Mills Presbyterian church. Caroline Abram and Larry Allen Billings were married. Rev. and Mrs. John Walter Abram, Sinclair performed the marriage Mill St. E., Acton, and the groom

The bride is the daughter of Mr.

In a double-ring ceremony in and Mrs. Blacklock played the is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Roy Billings, R. R. 2 Guelph. Attendants

The bride's attendants were Kerri Charlton, Toronto as maid of honor: Debbie Hills of Acton and Cheryl Lincoln of Malton as bridesmalds and Diane Abram, Acton as flower girl.

Mr. Abram gave his daughter in marriage. All Drexler of Rockwood was groomsman and the ushers were

David Alexander and Terry Schram. Bradley Billings was ring bearer. The reception was at the Rod

and Gun club at Eden Mills. The couple honeymooned in the north and are living at 11 Delaware St., Guelph.

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CAROLINE ABRAM and Larry Billings were married in Eden Mills Presbyterian church on June 23, with the reception following at the Rod and Gun Club there.

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Rainbow happy omen Warren - Barkman vows

rain and a beautiful rainbow when Diane Elizabeth Barkman and Donald Frederick Warren were married in St. Alban's Anglican church. The double-ring ceremony was performed on July 28 at 4 p.m. by the Rev. J.L. Ball and Mrs. F.G. Oakes played the

The bride, from Acton and Rexdale Teachers' College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Barkman of Rexdale. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Warren of Georgetown. He is a graduate of York University with a B. Sc. degree and of Lakeshore Teachers' College, and is an elementary school teacher in Georgelown.

Pink and white carnations and glads decorated the church. Bride in white

The bride wore tear-drop white seersucker, a string of pearls, fingertip veil and tiara head-plece. She carried pink sweetheart roses and white

Main of honor was the bride's sister Ellen Barkman who wore a pale blue gown with tiny pink flowers, a blue floppy hat trimmed with blue velvet rib-

The day had a lot of sun, a little bons, and carried a bouquet of multi-colored sweetheart roses and white carnotions.

Mr. Barkman escorted his daughter down the aisle. Groomsman was Gregory Neill, brother-in-law of the groom; ushers were Nicholas Barkman, brother of the bride and Norman Elllott, brother-in-law of the

Reception The reception was at Acton Meadows golf club, when out-oftown guests were welcomed from Ottawa, Strathroy, Kitchener, Toronto, Chicago, Windsor, Brantford, Whitby and Belgrave. The bride's mother wore flowered pale yellow chiffon with white accessories and yellow roses; the groom's mother wore

white stole and white sweetheart The flowers from the church were taken to the bride's grandmother in Kitchener, who has not been well.

flowered mauve chiffon with

The couple left for Montreal and northern Ontario, the bride wearing a beige pant suit with brown accessories.

They will be living in

Arce Press Personals

Andy Williams, Jim McDonald and George Harris have returned Boston-Cape Cod area. While on a deep sea fishing expedition in the Atlantic about 25 miles out from Provincetown Massachucets, Andy landed a 25 pound goosefish. It was the second to stay away for a year. largest catch on the boat.

Mr. George Simpson has been a patient in Guelph General Hospital for the past week.

Denmark and Julland during the last few weeks, Bob Krul and Rick Livermore are now on their way to Germany, Yugoslavia and

In Copenhagen they met Red from a week's holiday in the and Bente Price and together

celebrated Bob's birthday. They visited quite a few historic places, such as Hamlet's Castle, but are depressed by the rainy weather. They are planning

Mrs. Larry Fletcher, Trina & Wade from Calgary are visiting Larry's parents Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Fletcher and Trina and Wade's grandparents and great-Bleyeling through Holland, grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. George Ramsey of St. George, Ont. and Mrs. Agnes Fletcher of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Salt

Free Press Family page



DIANE BARKMAN and Donald Warren were married in St. Alban's and will be living in Georgetown. Both are teachers.

celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with the family, on Wednesday, July 25, in the Burgundy Room at the Con-

stellation Hotel, Toronto. Miss Gail Fryer arrived home from Edmonton for the occasion Continued on Page 14

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