



By Wendy Thomson

There's a flaw somewhere, in democracy within a family, but do you think I can get the reat of my family to see it." My three offspring have decided that what is missing around here is the patter of little feet. As soon as the subject was broached I firmly and emphatically said NO. Since I'm the one who would be most affected, I felt I should have sole say in the

However, the kids appealed to their father, and darned if he didn't think it a good idea. So there's four for and one against. Does the majority in-

matter, with no arguments.

deed rule? Maybe I should mention, around about now, that the patter that everyone texcept me) wants to hear in the house is that made by little ferret feet. Every week or so. just as I'm relaxing after a hectic day, someone is bound to say something like "Just think, if we had a little ferret he'd lie in front of the fire and play with your socks or climb in your lap to be tickled or sancing.

And I always think about that "something", - the scaring of unaware guests, the laving of scent around the house, the baskets of clean wash that have to be re-done. but mostly the terrorizing of the cass and the chance of the ferret's escaping.

Vetrous a recks

Andy, our first ferret, didn't take long in making nervous wrecks of the cats. Mostly they stayed on top of furniture and well out of reach, but every now and then he'd catch them at their feed dish-and Andy was fond of cat food too.

There was never any scuffle over it, as the cats usually left quickly and quietly as soon as he stopped behind them. If they didn't, Andy would sort of tighten up.

Maybe he was crouching to make a dash, but with legs as short as his, the degree of crouch was imperceptible. But once there was this change in body shape, the cats retired in a burry.

I was always afraid of what might happen if cat and ferret got scrapping. After seeing what happens to rat from ferret, I wouldn't give a cat much of a chance.

incage Anyway, except for the time when he was being used for raising in the bern, a ferret would have to be locked in

his cage. That's alright half of

weren't social calls.

anniversary this year.

association celebrates its 75th

They visit persons in need

of medical treatment at

home. The nurses' work in-

cludes beloing with baths,

skin care, injection of

medications and care of

surgical dressings. All is done

under the direction of the

The VON have been in Oak-

wille since 1954 and have

administered nursing care to

porthern sections of the

county. However, this year

Oakville and Burlington

patient's doctor.

the time, as they'll curl up in a ball under straw or xome thing and alcep for varying longths of time, - sometimes

a full 24 hours. But one of the most pathetic sights is that of a wakened up ferret peering through the wire of his cage, pleading to be let out and played with.

Once a ferret is loose, a constant eye must be kept on him. We tried to make a little collar and lead for Andy but that didn't work out too well A ferret's neck is quite thick, and a collar that was big enough to go around it was also big enough that the rest of him could walk right through.

Neer to ground

Andy slipped away from us once like that, but we caught him quickly. The second time, he woke up early from a nap, found the door open, and disappeared while nobody was looking. Two days later, we found him in the pasture, dirty and bone-thin. His paws were worn almost raw and the hair was worn off the insides of his legs from constant running. Even his nose and chin were hairless, I guess from keeping his nose to the

When we prought him to the house, he ate for half an hour, cuddled for a half hour, cleaned a kitten that was walking past, then slept for two days. The next time he got loose, we never did find

I don't really want to have to go through all that again by becoming too fond of another friendly ferret.

But then, I'd hate to have one around that was the normally vicious kind. What does one do when a ferret latches on with his killer's grip?

I can see me now, dialing the North Halton Contact Centre with one hand to inquire "Could you tell me how I might remove a ferret from my thumb?"

I somehow think, they mightn't take me too seriously.

75 years service

The women are Victorian Margaret Macleod is nurse- and Saturdays and Sundays,"

seven member staff. Mrs.

Audrey Ruston and two relief

nurses are the VON nurses

for Georgetown and the

surrounding area. Mrs.

Walter Biehn, 26 Queen

Street, and Mrs. Irwin Noble,

15 Noble Court, are

Georgetown representatives

on the V.O.N. Board of

Directors Rev. H. J Dawson

represented Acton, until he

moved this month to Guelph.

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wide operation.

Eight women have made branches were amalgamated

about 14,757 visits in Halton under one administrative

so far this year. And they unit, to form a Halton county-

Order Nurses whose in-charge of the county's

C.W.L. raises \$700 for church Saturday

St. Joneph'n C.W.L. held a paul Saturday. Although the weather was wel aint syste, a and crowd attended the

armia) event. There was a plentiful supply of home baking which was completely mid out in w short time. The large display of hand knitting, aprona, linens, carettes and mirelies were almost a complete sellout before the close of the

A delightful tea, which has been absent from the bassar for a number of years, was well attended by the crowd, and as some ladies put it—a cup of ten hust hit the spot on

MAN'S WHITHMAN then that prepared but and the county theretoy theirs ton inter flower, fame Mentland, (mkytile; cake draw, fat South, Arion; sperry draw, Airs Course Les, Actus; condition, Mrs. Ann Talled,

Penny nale: table ploth, Shirley Nouth cutton perk. Nancy South; Snoopy dos powder, Chris Cooney; Dupula H. I. Chapph cheese set, Helen Otterbein; orange dolle, Mrs. Chris white towel, Mrs. Marso;

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Family Page



RINGS, JEWELS and baubles at most reasonable cost at St. Joseph's C.W.L. bazaar are shown by Tammy Smith, Cobblehill Rd., Julie Tyers, Main S., and Marianne Timmings, R.R. 4, Rockwood. Where else could you get a diamond ring for a nickel?



There was another good crowd at the michre party in Knox church last Wednesday.

"We plan our visits on a

five-day week, 8:30 a.m. to 5

p.m. But needless to say

people are ill in the evenings

She joined VON after the

She says most VON visits

Second World War and she

notes differences in VON

used to be care of mothers

and babies just out of

hospital. Then about 80 to 90

per cent of the calls were to

senior citizens. "Now we're

administering a whole range

of services to every age,"

says Mrs. Macleod. Besides visits to homes,

Ifalion branch has contracts

with insurance companies to

conduct paramedical examinations of insurance

applicants. Paramedical

check-ups aren't as detailed

as medical examinations by

VON is also part of the

provincial ministry of

health's home care program.

VON services are contracted

in Oakville and North Halton,

VON fees are based on each

patient's ability to pay.

There's no rigid set-up except a maximum charge. None is refused because of inability to

VON is a non-profit

organization. Grants for the

Halton branch come from

Oakville United Appeal and Hamilton and district UA,

with the northern areas of the

county contributing by way of a grant from the County

Council. Although a UA

agency, VON administration

concerned relatives or

friends. In these cases, the

VON nurse calls on the patient, assesses the

situation, and if the patient doesn't have a family doctor,

or hasn't had medical at-

tention, he is encouraged to seek it, because VON cannot

continue service unless this is

A toll-free call to ZE 19230

will connect Georgetown and

Acton residents with the Oak-

ville office of the VON on a 24-

Requests for calls from the VON often come from

is independent.

done.

hour basis.

nursing services.

says Mrs. Macleod.

work over the years.

About 100 members of Halton Prebytery met at Trinity United church here on for the weekend. Tuesday evening...

The Activity group of the United church is packing a V.O.N. celebrates bale for the Long Plain Indian Reserve near Portage La Prairie, which is being served by Allan Lauder, formerly of Acton. The women are particularly hoping for contributions of children's

> clothing. For the first time, the Lawrence family arranged a reunion-and 106 people arrived for a delightful evening together at Ballinafad hall Saturday, Bob

> and Lil Marshall of R.R. 2 and flarry and Mabel Lawrence of Toronto did the planning for the event and now everyone wants to do it again every year. There was a buffet dinner and dancing to Mery Woods' orchestra from Fergus. Some of the relatives there hadn't seen each other for years.

K. Black, Swallow promoted

Keith Black and Harold Swallow were promoted from minor to major department heads at Acton District High School at a meeting of the Halton Board of Education

while in Burlington VON administers the home care program besides providing Black will become a major head of geography and Swallow a major head in take effect Sept. 1.

Miss Joanne Landsberough was home from Gravenhurst

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Skirrow, Debbie and Paul of Princeton were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Land-

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Eastwood and boys have moved from Elmore Dr. to their new home in Rockwood. Former neighbors and friends went over for a housewarming party Saturday.

At the town Appreciation Party Saturday, Millon clerk Jack McGeachie told friends he and his wife Helen will be apending Christmas in Australia with their son Paul and his wife.

The uncle of the bride, Ed Footitt, was master of ceremonies for the reception following the marriage of Bonnie Kirby and Paul Presswood in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams, Nov. 10. The couple are living in New Liskeard now.

A surprise visitor in town was Ralph Weaver, who moved from town with his family 14 years ago. The Weavers lived on Nelson Court but returned to England, where both the children are now married. Mr. Weaver is presented on loan to Lougheed in Canada until March and took the opportunity to drive back to Acton to call on former neighbors. He especially mentioned all the changes along the highway on the way up. the same.

history. The appointments but Acton Itself seems much IFIIOUVIEIRS for All Occasions



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BAKIC SALIC convener at the C.W.L. bazaar at St. Joseph's Mrs. Theresa Matheson, Elgin St., has usubstance from daughter Margot and granddaughter Tracy Waterfunse of Milton. The baking wold out quickly,

Childhood opinions are not good enough

Trinity Activity Group met passages relating to previous made to pack the Christmas bale Nov. 28 for the Long Plain Indian Reserve near Portage La Prairie which is served by Allan Lauder. formerly of Trinity United Church, Acton. Christmas parcelled toys were brought to the meeting to be put in the

The group plans a pot luck supper the second Wednesday in December at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Own opinions Mrs. Kathy McGillivary was in charge of the Bible study. Everyone came prepared by reading several chapters in the book. Panorama of the Bible. Bible

in the church Wednesday reading were read by evening Nov. 20. Plans were members followed by a relaxed discussion where one could answer questions given to them by the leader, and also feel free to voice one's own opinions. They found that many have different ideas of God built by ideas when they were children, but some are not good enough for adults. It gave everyone food for

Wrong name

Oops! That wasn't Holly Tocher in a picture in last week's Free Press, but Christopher Tocher instead. The photograph was taken at the Lakeside f.O.D. E bazzar.

Farm problems told at W. I. Men if McKerwii was the and wondered if there is a moution to it. She had several

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Hall call was something of informat pertiniting in applica Mrs R Singinir gave a two Ministe Inik on current

Mrs A Cintes and Mrs E. formaton were in charge of the program. Agriculture and Camadian Industries

Mrs A Cintins maked why farms are left to grove woods.

books and pamphlets on how to keep Ontario beautiful, the garriage story and how to have fun with empty egg hoxas, making decorations out of them.

Mrs. K. Johnston gave a talk on the problems farmers have getting experienced help on the farm. She also had Articles from farm papers on ercycling, cherishing water and theny others.

A lunch was served of Baker apples and Ice cream in keeping with the roll call. Miss #; Pearen and Mrs. J. McCollock were in charge of the limeh and Mrs. C. Storey CONTRASY CONVENET

Packing bale for patients

The Activity Group of the others these volunteers Acton Sceanch of the Canadian Cancer Society met at Mine Mary Familian's Tuesday, Serv 20 at 7.20 Three present were turny winding want for the many volunteers in the area who knie and crocket lattica Staffed animale tella & Return Tombier fortatione game preserves entree a catedy, crediting and casess are

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Luncheon for chapter

their November meeting at mittees the home of Mrs. Gordon Johnston as an informal moon engineered finance to the kincheon. Thirteen members bustess for the observ at were present

Christmas dinner, meeting to day outside be beid at Mrs. R. H. Elisott's in December The LODE. rose will be available next year for Octamo fail placting, members were glad to learn discussed and finalized

The Drike of Deviceshire tempera were given in the chapter of the 100E heid commence of manding com-

The region presider and mangaberre unide uune Plans were made for the contract to the west dream

Save energy

All three town schools are following recommendations Christmas donations were in an effort to conserve fuel





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