



## the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

One thing about "Living in Acton" that I didn't mention last week was that the unexpected and unusual things add yet another dimension to an interesting life—especially the things concerning animals. (People are fairly predictable, but you never know what an animal is up to.)

My first brush with "strange" animals was rather frightening to a "city girl". It was only a herd of somebody's cows in my tulip bed, but to me they seemed twice as big and ten times as fierce as they probably were. (I hasten to add that that was 15 years ago.)

The second experience was much worse. Our old Mama-cat brought home a "snack" for the kittens. No mouse or mole, this, but a half-grown weasel—live!

The kittens took one look and decided against eating so close to bed-time and the thing retired unmolested behind my potato bin. All this without my knowledge.

Something looked back! Come morning, the first thing I noticed was an odd smell in the kitchen, and I got down on hands and knees to track down the stink. Imagine my horror when I came to the potato bin, looked under and saw something looking back!

By the time the milkman came, I was a nervous wreck from imagining this thing jumping out and grabbing my ankle. I didn't know what it was, but it neither looked nor smelled friendly.

When I appealed to the milkman for help, he took it all in stride as though things like that happened every day, and called his boys in from the truck to help. They set about planning the animal's down-fall.

He thought that if we ousted the weasel from behind the potato bin, Mama-cat would finish off the job, but you know cats! Mama-cat wasn't going to make any rash moves and wanted to bite her time. Down the hall the weasel went, into the bedroom, and behind the dresser. Mama-cat sat in front of it with her eyes closed, pretending she was actually very tired and literally asleep on her feet. Then it took off again.

The chase must have been quite comical (to anybody but the weasel). First weasel scotching for his life, Mama-cat strolling behind, followed by the milkman with his broom, his boys with two-by-fours, me with bated breath, and the youngsters (still toddlers then) with blood-thirsty enthusiasm.

Exit one weasel! When Mama-cat refused to make a move, the milkman did. WHAM with the broom and exit one weasel.



CARE TO jig? Costume winners at the Chamber of Commerce centennial dance Saturday night are Joyce Sprowl and Paul Nielsen. There was a good crowd of over 200 at the curling club.



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## June wedding vows for Jansen-McMinn

St. John's Anglican Church, Rockwood, was the scene of an early summer wedding on June 15 when Cheryl Fay McMinn became the bride of Murray Jansen with Rev. Ritchie McMurray officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin McMinn of 171 Guelph St., Rockwood. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jansen, R. 1, Acton. He is an employee of Rockwell Steel Co., Milton.

Organist for the double ring ceremony was Catherine Meredith. A. K. Thomas was soloist; he sang Garden of Prayer during the signing of the register. The church was decorated with yellow carnations and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

Bridal gown Wearing a gown of white nylon over polyester crepe and a beaded crown head-dress with full length veil, the

bride carried a cascade of daisy mums. Matron of honor, Wendy Stone, friend of the bride, wore a white organza floor length gown with daisy trim over a yellow underskirt. Her junior bridesmaid, Laura Jansen, and her flower girl, Christine Timmerman, both nieces of the groom, wore similarly attired. They carried baskets of white mums.

Groomsmen were Henry Jansen, the groom's brother. Ushers were James Jansen, brother of the groom and Neil McMinn, the bride's brother. David Jansen, the groom's nephew was ring bearer.

An evening reception was held following the 4 p.m. ceremony, at St. John's parish hall. The bride's mother received, wearing a rose colored dress with a carnation corsage. The groom's mother wore a flowered polyester crepe dress. Yellow rose buds were table decorations.

For their honeymoon trip to Perth, Thousand Island and Ottawa, the bride wore a rose pant suit. On their return the couple will reside at 240 Waterloo Ave., Apt. 304, in Guelph.

Guests Mrs. C. McMinn, the bride's grandmother was a special guest from Scarborough. Other guests included friends and relatives from Peterborough, Barrie, Flesherton, Honeywood, Scarborough, Etobicoke, Hanover, Sarnia, Orangeville, Bolton, Clinton and Rockwood.

Prior to her wedding several showers had been held; a kitchen shower by friends Wendy Stone and Elizabeth Waywell of Guelph, and miscellaneous showers by friends Sonya Wyga, R. 1, Acton, Cora Gooyers, Rockwood, and Ivy Ritchie, Eden Mills.

Dresses of the junior bridesmaid and flowergirl had been made by the groom's sister, Hilda Timmerman. The bride's mother made the wedding cake.



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## Collerton-Wilde vows at St. George's church

At St. George's Anglican church, Georgetown, Julie Beatrice Wilde and Robert John Collerton were married on Saturday, June 1. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gullagher with Mr. Redmond, organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilde of 19 Byron St., Georgetown; the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Collerton, R. 1, Acton.

The bride's white gown was accented with lace and her tulle veil was trimmed with white flowers. She carried a starburst of pink roses and Stephanotis. She was escorted by her brother Stewart.

Attendants Matron of honor was the bride's sister Janice Malolepszy, who wore pink and carried pink carnations. Junior bridesmaids were Bobbie Collerton, sister of the groom, who wore green under white with mauve flowers, and Mandy, niece of the bride, who wore blue under white with pink flowers. Both carried pink carnations.

Groomsmen were Norm Dickinson of Toronto and the ushers were Martin Collerton, brother of the groom, and Ted Malolepszy, brother-in-law of the bride.

Reception Reception, dinner and dance followed at St. Alban's hall, Glen Williams. The bride's mother wore beige and brown with yellow roses and the groom's mother blue and green with pink corsage. Guests attended from Acton, Georgetown, Burlington and Toronto. The couple left for Niagara Falls and Hoover Park near Hamilton.

Showers Before the wedding the bride was feted at two miscellaneous showers. One for neighbors and friends was given by Mrs. R. Tost and held at Mrs. R. Buttery's. The



JULIE WILDE and John Collerton were married in St. George's Anglican church, Georgetown.

## Change officers

The Rotary held a ladies' night at the curling club on June 25. They enjoyed a tasty steak dinner. Included in the evening was the installation of new officers. The present district governor Ray Gibson of Bramalea officiated and conducted the ceremonies.

The president is Al Hall, vice-president, Grant Schultz, secretary, Ted Hansen and treasurer Don McDonald.

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**Brownridge reunion Sat.**

On Saturday, July 6, the Brownridge family is holding a Triannual Reunion at Brampton Fair Grounds. This family was first established in this country by Thomas Brownridge of Yorkshire, who emigrated to Upper Canada in 1819 and home-stayed Lot 4, Concession 7, of Esqueving township. He married Eliza Ward of Islington in 1822 and their descendants now number approximately 800 in Canada or the U.S.

The first reunion was held July 1, 1917 at the family homestead, then occupied by John F. Brownridge and family, and was attended by about 85 persons. Since 1952 the reunions have been held every three years, with about 200 persons attending, many from distant points on the continent.

The homestead has remained in possession of the family for all but two years since then and has passed from father to son in successive generations. It is now owned by Ward Brownridge, a great-great-grandson of the original settler and the sixth Brownridge to occupy it since it was first established.

The 15th reunion on Saturday, July 6 of this year will be followed on Sunday, July 7 by a family memorial service at 2:30 p.m. in Hillcrest United Church near the Brownridge homestead after which there will be an old-fashioned get-together of family and friends at the homestead.

**Joe Petric entertains**

At the Duke of Devonshire centennial tea held at the home of Mrs. W. Beatty, entertainment was provided by Joe Petric who played his accordion.

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