

# Crowds, lush greenery mark Indonesian life

Rev. Frank Byrne, who served the local Baptist church from 1970 to 1973, went with his wife and children to Sulawesi (formerly Celebes) to teach. He writes back to friends about life in another part of the world, right on the equator in Indonesia.

## Indonesian life

It is now ten months since we left Canada for Indonesia and have been in our present locality in the city of Tondano on the north eastern tip of the island of Sulawesi for the past nine months.

Life here is very different from life in Acton. You are celebrating your centennial and in many ways we live and travel as your forefathers did a hundred years ago.

All around one is struck by the contrasts. Side by side you will see a modern home and a grass roofed bamboo hut, a modern Japanese minibus passing a wooden ox-cart slowly crawling up the steep, narrow, winding mountain roads, people dressed in modern up to date western clothes while others are dressed much as they have for years.

Lush greenery  
Temperatures vary only

slightly here and the lush green growth of the rice paddies, palm trees and jungle growth never ceases to amaze us. Large red, orange, gold and blue flowers wild and cultivated dot the road sides and hills.

But Indonesia is a land of people 130 million. Country roads, cities, market places, villages, all of them crowded with people, people, people.

Early in the morning (5 a.m.) you meet them on the roads walking to the many farms that dot the mountain sides or to work in the rice paddies that border Lake Tondano. Later in the morning (7.00 a.m.) the streets are crowded with the children making their way to school. Still later the women are seen coming and going from the market, their baskets full of green vegetables and tropical fruits—pineapples, bananas, papaya—and fish for the meals of the day. Then in the early afternoon the children return from school (1 p.m.).

## Siesta time

The streets become almost deserted. People disappear into their houses for the noon meal and an afternoon siesta, children play quietly in the shade of the houses, and those

at work in the fields or hillside lie down under the shade of the trees. Everyone seeks relief from the relentless heat of the afternoon tropical sun.

Then about 4 p.m. the streets become alive again with people. Noise levels from people walking and playing in the streets steadily rise and do not abate until late into the night.

The nights in the mountains are comfortable but in the coastal villages and cities one's sleep is difficult and one is awakened early by roosters and dogs, to face another day.

The only relief from the heat on the coast is that brought by the tropical rains which are never depressing but most welcome and refreshing.

## Learn language

Fortunately after a month in the coastal city of Manado we were able to move to the mountains where we are now engaged in language study and the teaching of our girls. Although I have already started teaching in the Seminary, our real work will not begin in the school until January of next year when we are proficient in the language.



FIGURE SKATING CLUB registration took place on Saturday at the arena. Mrs. Helen Brouillard, centre, and Mrs. Carol Campbell, right, take names and money. So far 100 people have registered with intermediate and junior openings still available.

# Tayniult kennels win

Tayniult Kennels, Ballinafad, owned by Mrs. Ann Beneditti, took home most of the trophies from a Tri-State Cavalier King Charles Spaniel specialty show in New Jersey last weekend. Fury, or Canadian Champion Azorese Furioso, her proper name, winner's bitch, and Best of Opposite Sex and Reserve Winner to the Best in Show.

The Tayniult Kennels have only been in operation a year, when the Benedittis moved from Georgetown to Ballinafad.

Their daughter, 16-year-old Denise won first prize in the Junior showmanship class. She is a student at Georgetown high school.

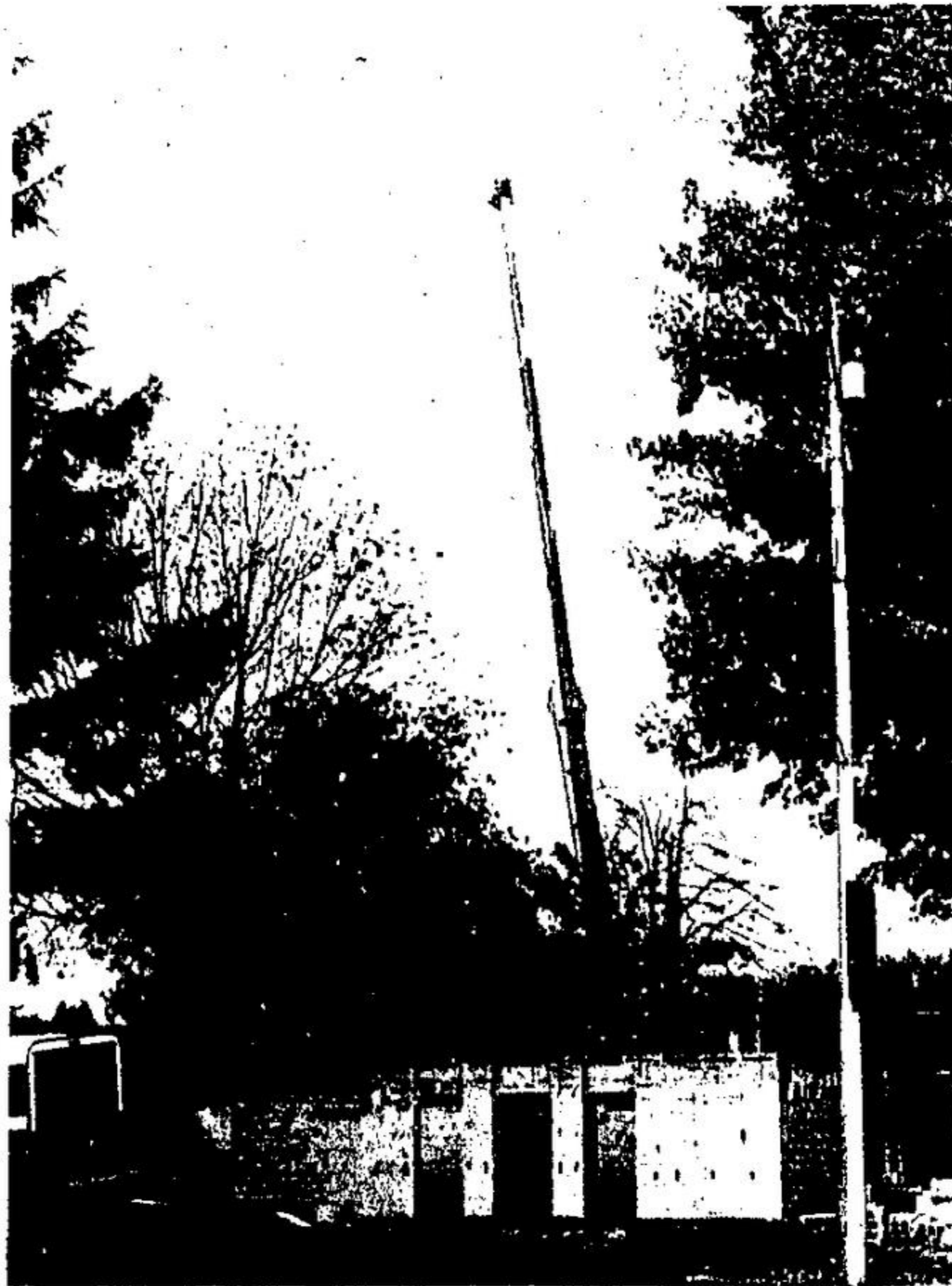
The Cavalier breed was well known in the time of King Charles I and II, and appears in many famous paintings of that time. Titian, Metsu, VanDyk, Velasquez, Vermeer, Watteau and Hogarth, all included Cavaliers in their paintings.

Cavaliers also inherited certain privileges from their royal masters. If they scratch at the gates of Buckingham Palace they must be allowed to enter. Under a charter of King Charles II, Cavaliers have a royal title, are allowed in court, and may not be turned away from any royal palace or function.

From their position of eminence at this time, they gradually faded into obscurity, not to become known again until they breed was revived in 1926, and have only risen to popularity in the last few years.



DRINKING FROM a silver cup seems just right for a championship. Handler Bob-John Elieff gives Canadian Champion Azorese Furioso, familiarly known as Fury, a drink from such an aristocratic cup in recognition of her winning the First American Bitch in New Jersey.



CRANE LIFTS steel beams into place at the new Acton Medical group building on Mill St. W. Not much progress is seen over the past few weeks since construction began. Spacious new facilities are anticipated.

## Churchill

# Former pastor dies, baby born in Guelph

Word has been received of the death of Rev. G. I. Stephenson who was pastor at Churchill when they were linked with Limehouse United Church. Many will remember him and Mrs. Stephenson and family who so ably helped in Choir and all social events. Mrs. Stephenson will be pleased to hear from any friends.

**Baby boy**  
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brooks on the gift of a baby boy in Guelph

General Hospital on September 30, arriving home on Sunday, October 6. Both doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metcalf of Georgetown last Saturday. Miss Muriel McKeown of Victoria, B.C. is visiting her sister Mr. and Mrs. John McAdam and family of Churchill also meeting other relatives.

**Visits hospital**  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny also Mr. and Mrs.

Norman Turner visited Mr. Ralph McKeown who is a patient in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. His friends at Churchill all wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lightle Sr. visited Mr. and Mrs. William Butler in Fergus who are now enjoying fair health. Also called on their daughter (Wilma) Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fear.

Churchill Community Church service last Sunday morning was quite well attended. Pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury's Sermon Subject The Feast of Remembrance. Holy Communion followed. The choir anthem was God's House.

# Three accidents

There were three traffic accidents this week in Acton, and three charges were laid. At 4.15, on October 3, a car driven by Donato Centurione of Guelph was in collision with another vehicle driven by Ronald Broughton of R.R.1 Acton. There was \$75 damage to the Centurione automobile and \$100 to the Broughton car. There were no injuries. The incident occurred at the corner of Mill and Bower Streets.

On October 5, a vehicle owned by Dmytro Bzobey and driven by James R. Bzobey of R.R. 1 Campbellville was left in park with the motor running, on Main St. South, when

the gearshift jumped into reverse and struck the vehicle behind it. This was owned by Herbert L. Fisher of R.R. 2 Acton. Both cars were left unattended. The Fisher vehicle sustained \$100 damages and the Bzobey car received \$75 in repairs. A single car accident occurred on October 6, when a vehicle owned and driven by James W. White of Orangeville turned left onto a lawn on Main St. and struck a water valve.

There was no damage to the vehicle but considerable damage to the water shut-off valve.

# Pool room heating remains last hold-up

According to Art Gordon, campaign organizer for the Lions Club centennial swimming pool, "It's getting close and, if things go right, pool opening date should be set soon." Mr. Gordon explains the missing agent is a heater for the pool room which must be installed to bring pool-room temperature up to four degrees higher than actual water temperature. At the present time water in the pool has reached the 72 degree level.

Mr. Gordon said the Halton County Board of Health made its final inspection on Monday and all other connections and facilities are complete.

The Halton County Board of Education will be responsible for pool programming during school periods with Halton Hills recreation department organizing supervision during public open hours.

**Program begins**  
Start of the Acton high school students' swimming program has been scheduled for Nov. 4 when swimming classes will be incorporated as part of the physical education curriculum.

## Greenock

### W.I. meet

Mrs. J. Addison, Elmore Dr., Acton, was the hostess for the September meeting of the Greenock Women's Institute.

Mrs. J. McCulloch, the president, welcomed the members back after the summer holiday and read the public declaration which had been in the Acton Free Press.

**Declaration**  
The declaration stated the regional municipality of Halton shares the concerns of the citizens as to the necessity for providing safe working conditions in the field of construction work. It went on to declare the month of September 1974 to be construction safety month.

Mrs. C. Binnie, convener on safety, had Mrs. R. McKeown show slides on safety in the home. Mr. K. Eckerick, also convener, had When Safety Makes a Difference for her topic. The motto was, The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention.

Plans were made for the banquet in conjunction with the plowing match held at Mohawk Raceway.

Lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. C. Aitken and Mrs. G. Johnston and Mrs. C. Storey was courtesy convener.

According to Dave Katz, principal of the Acton high school, the pool will be available for students of both Acton and surrounding area schools.

Also planned for the pool is a county-wide grade three swim program. For the first time ever, Acton and Georgetown students who have never before had the opportunity of taking advantage of a school swimming program will be able to participate. "If the Georgetown pool does not open the Acton pool will be made available to students in that area," said Mr. Katz.

The principal explained that, during winter months, high school students will divide their physical education activities between pool and gymnasium, using the outdoors and gymnasium facilities during the warmer months. From the Nov. 4 start high school students will be using the pool until the grade three program begins either in March or April of '75. "From the time the grade three program begins high school students will not use the pool at any time during school hours," said Mr. Katz.

He sees the grade three venture as a big step in the interests of the younger children.

**Swim times**  
The principal anticipates enthusiastic response from Acton students with different types of aquatic programs at the pool from early morning until approximately 5.30 p.m. Actual school hours will be mainly the responsibility of the recently hired

full-time lifeguard, a swimming instructor, Diane Ferris, who will organize the aquatic program.

Lions Club spokesman Art Gordon says until the pool is absolutely ready for its schedules of public swimming times have not been set. He hopes Acton residents will have as much time as possible to use the pool from o'clock on in the evening. It says the facility will be available seven evenings a week with holidays and weekends providing full-day usage.

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