



WHILE A CROWD of rousing relatives watch the play, 76-year-old Aunt Lil, a descendant of the Dougherty clan which came to Canada from England in 1902, places a horseshoe neatly on a peg, much to the amazement of the interested,

related spectators. She attended the family re-union held last weekend at the farm of Murray and Jo Saint of R.R. 4, Acton.

Family re-union 146 attend

An R.R. 4, Acton family who moved into the area approximately a year-and-a-half ago hosted 146 people at their farm home last weekend. Visitors were relatives of Murray and Jo Saint and their four children. From Thursday to Monday, guests ranging in age from seven weeks to 76 years arrived in vans, trailers and automobiles to set up camp in a prescribed area of the 94-acre farm. They had come in from such distances as nearby Mississauga and Mimico to and including Jamaica, Peoria, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Ottawa, Montreal, Kleinburg and Bala. Forty-two families were the numbers of the gathering.

The last get-together was held in 1957 and the Saints felt it was time the younger generations of the family became acquainted. The visitors were descendants and in-laws of a family named Dougherty which came to Canada from England in 1902.

Farm jumping
For five days, the Saint farm was jumping with activity. Organized games of horseshoe pitching, volleyball, baseball and other games kept guests on the move and having fun.

Games of darts, races, sing-songs, hay and pony rides were also included in the program of entertainment. Nearly everyone participated or took over jobs of babysitting for energetic younger mothers. Small children of the group enjoyed watching ducks on a nearby pond, others splashed about on the property swimming pond.

Re-acquainted
All in all it was a wonderful gathering where mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles and cousins, from elderlies to small fry, played together and became acquainted and re-acquainted. Mostly everyone was independent in his own tent or housing facility, providing their own dining requirements. Part of the time they shared, enjoying pot-luck meals and outdoor barbecues.

By Tuesday the last of the guests had pulled up stakes and were headed homeward. It had been one of the largest and most successful gatherings of the Dougherty clan and, if Murray Saint has anything to do about it, another re-union will be held again next year.

"Even just one big family picnic held annually," says Mr. Saint who is proud that such a large gathering can be representative of a one-family beginning.



DOUGHERTY FAMILY re-union was held at Saint farm, R.R. 4, Acton. Back, members of the Sprague family, Candi and Larry and three-year-old Stacey came the furthest distance. Dave and Joanne Dermo (centre) hold youngest twins, six-month-old Dawn and Erin. Oldest, 76-year-old Elsie Kerr, Mimico, holds youngest, seven week-old Gina Sprague. Two other Sprague children, Angela and Jennifer, sit at front.

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Acton resident top

Sergeant John Barret, an Acton resident who works for the Georgetown detachment of the Halton Regional Police, will graduate this month from Humber College's Advanced Police Science Program, the top in the program.

With the highest marks this year, Sgt. Barret obtained a 3.8 average out of a possible 4.0 average after the completion of all eight courses in the program.

Barret took two courses each semester and completed the program in three years.

Donations still for flowers

Approximately \$1,700 has been raised so far for the Flowers of Hope campaign. Donations are still being received at the Bank of Montreal.

Canvassers for the Acton Flowers of Hope 1975 are: Mrs. S. Andrews, Mrs. S. Kuechler, Mrs. M. Patterson, Mrs. H. Goulding, Mrs. M. Maddeaux, Mrs. R. Dawkins, Mrs. S. Kleine Deters, Mrs. A. Matheson, Mrs. M. Creasey, Mrs. J. Conroy, Mrs. L. Harkins, Mrs. B. Jackson, Mrs. Anker, Mrs. S. Marzo, Mrs. P. Bristow, Mrs. L. Gordon, Mrs. N. Van Fleet, Mrs. F. Pink, Mrs. J. Withers, Mrs. Tyres, Mrs. Gail Ferguson, Mrs. B. Heller, Mrs. V. Hillier, Mrs. Janet Rogers, Mrs. M. McEachern, Mrs. P. Leslie, Mrs. M. Peel, Mrs. B. Murchison, Mrs. K. Allen, Mrs. J. Price, Mrs. M. Dunn, Mrs. J. Peensira, Mrs. M. Pope, Mrs. H. Fowler, Miss B. Fowler, Mrs. L. Mason, and Mrs. Allen.

Judy Paterson attends clinic

Judy Paterson of Hillsburgh, coach of the Acton synchronized swimming team, attended a Canadian Amateur Synchronized Swimming Association course last week at McMaster University.

McMaster's School of Physical Education held the first-ever national coach level 1 course, which is sponsored by the Sport O'Keefe Foundation.

The coach level 1 represents the third level of a seven level national certification program, which will provide accurate and uniform training for synchronized swimming coaches from beginner to international level throughout the country.

the painted box
by Wendy Thomson

Wednesday, June 4 — at least I think it's Wednesday. It's hard to keep track of the days. I'm over on the Isle of Skye now, after a few minor and major setbacks that changed my intended route a fair bit. There was a misunderstanding about my travelpass and I cancelled it, I ruined a tire, ruined some film (wrong camera setting) and lost a filling.

At first I was a little upset about the pass — so upset that everyone who glanced at me got out of my way — but then it dawned on me I was only back to the first plans I'd made anyhow. That is, travel-by-chance and whim.

It did affect the money situation as well, but I should be okay if I can hold expenses down to five pounds a day. This is made fairly easy by the "Bed and Breakfast" program that is in effect throughout Scotland. I'm learning more of the ins and outs of it each day.

True bargain. Wherever you go, there's "B and B" signs hung out the front of houses. From 11:50 to 12:50, a person can get a bed for the night and a substantial breakfast in the morning, in a private home. All you need to do is stop at a house you like the look of and ask.

Unfortunately, it's that nice to look at, somebody is usually there beforehand — often last year's customers back for another stay.

Also, there are very few rooms available for people traveling alone. If the room is big enough, it will hold a double bed which is, of course, better for the householder financially.

To try to make some sort of order out of the ensuing chaos, Travel Information Centres are in all towns of any size. A person can check to see what's available where, and the Centre will do the booking.

That wasn't what I had in mind, at first, but after one very hectic evening, I decided to rely on this system and just I claimed in.

Modern conveniences. Mrs. Cranston's huge house in Corrach was crammed full of beautiful antiques, and was an intriguing mixture of elegance with silver and old china, marvellous home baking for the evening tea (more about that later) and modern conveniences like the electric mattress pad that warmed the entire bed before I claimed in.

Maybe it was all that luxury that made my first house on Skye look in very, very sad state at first. I certainly wouldn't have been tempted to stop here by outward appearances. And inside was even worse. But then I took a good look at my room. Shabby yes, but also very clean. And the dinner table was beautifully set, the cooking very good. (Unlike most other places, this was sort of a rooming house and served dinner too.)

What made me take a further look at my own reactions and to see how reasonable I was, was the evening tea. When Mrs. McG. knocked on the door to ask if I'd like my 9 o'clock tea, (which is part of the B & B) I was already in bed, and answered that there were letters to be written. But as she talked on, I realized that it was expected of me to go downstairs and chat with the family, so I upped, dressed and trotted on down, ending up the evening by going out to help round up the cattle. Altogether quite enjoyable. When I came back, I found that my nightgown had been wrapped around a hot water bottle and tucked in bed.

All in all, it stunk in that I have to stop comparing by Canadian standards. At each place I've been given the best of what they have. June 6 (I think). Well, after all the hectic driving and crowded tourist towns, I finally found what I was looking for.

I'm lying at the top of fantastic high cliffs at the north end of Skye, with nothing around but me, a few cattle and the ocean. To the west, a few miles along the coast, I think I can see Duntulm Castle ruins, to visit later on this afternoon.

I left Barve this morning, drove north to Uig, booked passage for Harris Lewis, found a nice B and B, picked up one spare roll, one tomato, a slice of cheese, an apple, and an empire biscuit at the Uig bakery, and took off again around the coast road.

The sun is shining — quite different from yesterday. Although it was raining, I walked to the Coral Sands, north of Dunvegan. It's a white beach consisting of many billions of tiny pieces of broken coral, and quite intriguing.

Because of the weather, the boats didn't go to seal island so I missed that, and after watching three busloads of tourists descending on Dunvegan Castle, I bypassed that, as well.

The wind is getting too strong to hold everything down now, so will stop.

Disturbed
Following a disturbance on Main St. N. at 1:25 a.m. Saturday, police laid a charge of causing a disturbance.

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NOTICE

All Municipal Offices in the Town of Halton Hills will be closed on Monday, June 30th, 1975, in lieu of the July 1st, Dominion Day Holiday. As a result, all Municipal Offices will be open on Tuesday, July 1st, 1975.

G. D. Pritchard,
Clerk-Administrator,
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS.

Town of Halton Hills Recreation Department

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Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
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Youth (8-15)	Beginner	Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Adult	Beginner	Thursdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
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Adult	Beginner	Saturday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Adult	Intermediate	Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Classes begin week of July 7th and continue for 6 weeks. Class sizes are limited — first come, first serve basis. (Registration accepted at Acton Municipal Office after Wednesday, July 2). Classes at Acton Tennis Courts.

Fee: \$6.00 per session.

NOTICE

All refuse normally picked up Monday, June 30/75 will be picked up Tues., July 1/75 & further all refuse normally picked up Tues., July 1/75 will be picked up Wed., July 2/75.

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