by Wendy Thomson

Well, I'm halfway through my last week of living alone, and am now counting the slowly passing days till Sept. 3, when Gord and the boys return home.

You'll remember, perhaps, with what (poorlyconcealed) eagerness I started this solitary sojourn. For the first time in my life I'd be entirely on my own for (counting my own three week holiday abroad) over three months, having nobody to answer to and nobody to run around behind.

Over the past months, I ate in and ate out, slept in every bed in the house, kept the most irregular hours (not having to gear myself to fit in with three or four other people's varied schedules). I watched Maude, and Mash, and Medical Centre whenever I felt like it with no snide comments in the background. Even watched the Harlem Globetrotters once,

over a Saturday's lunch. However, after the fifth week, the whole thing began to pall. With each passing day the evening hours seemed longer and longer. With virtually no housework to be done, the morning hours were often hard enough to fill. Right now, I have an entirely new understanding of what it means to be "a woman alone." It isn't particularly picasant.

I'm not saying I sat here in the house and brooded day in and day out. Mondays and Tuesdays were taken up with work in the Free Press darkroom. Wednesdays the house got a good cleaning. Thursday was writing and shopping day, with a few hours thrown in here and there during the week for photography. But the time in between began to seem endless.

Of course, it didn't help that I was grounded a fair bit of the time with one thing or another going wrong with the car. First it was the transmission, then the exhaust pipe; next the ball joints (the upper ones if that makes a difference) and then the grunions-no, excuse me, that should be "trunions".

And this week the car sat for a day and a half in the IGA parking lot where it quit on me once more, till a friend diagnosed a cracked coll and rounded up a new one.

Friends-I would've been lost without them; the one who showed me how to fix the lawnmower when it kept stopping; the one who lent me his scythe till I found out about the mower; the folks who came over with tools and a jug of water when the pump lost its prime. (Gord has all the tools out west with him and I was getting nowhere

with Jim's blcycle repair kit). And most of all I musn't forget Ken who not only showed up three times to remove porcupine quills from with one of those humorous August 9. comments to linger in a many instances of re-

Acton, 16 years ago. The Church St., Acton. families might see each other only once a year (if that) but the friendship hasn't faded or worn thin, and they're always there when help is needed. Last week was a terrible

one for me, with everything going wrong at once. I was in a real slump. When all the dogs came home with quills I borrowed Ken's needle-nosed pliers and took care of Sue and McPhee myself. However, I had to have Ken over the next day to help with

It was with great embaras- bridesmalds dresses. sment I phoned him three and come home with more trailing cascade quills right in the end of his big black nose. Everytime I looked out the window at him, my spirits dropped even

third time that week, he was greeted rather morosely, but went straight to work on Ky with the technique perfected in a session a few days carller. Within 30 seconds, he had him in a half-nelson or arm-lock (leg-lock?) or whatever and I started in on dequilling Ky's poor nose.

It must have made some picture, Ken with arms and legs wrapped around a helpless dog with wildlyrolling eyes and blood running down his nose after Bradley Demone, a cousin of the first few removals: Ken's the groom. kids all wide-eyed and openmouthed; me with the pilers stupid dog.

grumbling, as I sat back on dress wearing a corsage of my heels to assess the next white carnations. angle of approach. Ken raised his head, looked at me over received wearing an ocean the struggling, muddy, blue polyester gown with bloody dog and came out matching jacket. Her corsage with the now-classic line was pink carnations.

Thanks Ken, -whenever I (S.C.A.P.) members. hit another low this past. The bride attended Robert week, I visualized the whole Little public school and Acton scenario and let those few high school. She is going to words wipe out all the fretting college in September and was and worrying again.

Free Press Personals

president R. McEachern Holmes spent August 25, 26, grandmothers Mrs. McGinn attended the LCUC con- and 27 commuting back and and Mrs. Hardy, both from vention in Niagara Falls forth to Mississauga for the Nova Scotia. Mrs. Verlie August 22 through 29, airing the views of the Acton letter carriers.

Ernest West of Kitchener will be sworn in as a judge of the Peel county court at Brampton this afternoon (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock. Family and friends will be attending the ceremony and reception afterward.

His sister Wilma Chapman and her husband John, will be hosting an Open House at their home, R.R.2, Rock-wood, this Sunday afternoon, and they'll be happy to welcome any Acton and discirict friends who would like to come to visit with Ernest and his family again.

Local letter carriers union Acton fire chief Mick wedding include the groom's firechiefs' convention.

During the three days, Mr. Holmes and the other chiefs plosives, computerized fire information, standarization of firefighting equipment and an outdoor display of firefighting equipment.

Miss Acton Fall Fair will be Georgetown, Ingersoll and among those in the Hillsburgh Orton. Potato Fest parade Sept. 6. Karen Hilfman's reign will be over in a couple of weeks.

A window display of prizes for the winner of the Miss Acton Fair competition is being set up at Swetman's

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Family Page

McGinn - Ross wedding of British Columbia were met by Mrs. John Bennett, 1st vice president of Wellington at Trinity August 9

Trinity United church was decorated with yellow glads and white daisles for the wedding of Sandra Faye Ross stupid dogs, but also came out to Charles Robert McGinn on

The bride is the daughter of person's mind to provide Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ross, 110 Mill St. East, Acton. The njoyment. groom, of 40 Maria St., Apt. Ken and his family were the 405, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. first friends we made in Charles Robert McGinn, 89

The Rev. A. McKenzie was the officiating minister with Norman Moore, a friend of the bride, as organist. His sister, Shirley Moore, was the soloist singing Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring and They'll Know We're Christians By Our Love.

Bridal gown Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a gown of satin, trimmed at the neckline with yellow ribbon. Around the hem were yellow bows to match the color of the

The bride's headpiece was days later to confess that Ky a juliet cap and the vell was had got off his chain again full length. She carried a stephanotis and a white or-

The bride's sister, Miss Gayle Ross, Toronto, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids When Ken arrived for the were the groom's sister, Miss Val McGinn, Acton and a cousin of the bride, Miss Donna Popadynetz, Toronto.

They wore yellow polyester

A-line empire waist gowns with yellow headbands in their hair and carried trailing cascades of white daisies. Fred McDonald Georgetown, a friend of the groom was best man. Lormer

Demone, Acton, the groom's uncle and Wayne DeForest, Acton, another friend, were the ushers. Ringbearer was Reception

At an evening reception at calling Ky seven kinds of a the Acton Music Centre, the bride's mother received for There was a lull in my her daughter in a pink chiffon The groom's mother

"You know, we're going to The hall was beautifully have to stop meeting like decorated by the Senior Citizens Assistant Program

> previously employed at Kelly's Nursing home, Acton.

The groom attended M.Z. Bennett public school and Georgetown high school. He is presently employed at Beardmore.

Special guests Special guests at the Venot, from the same province, attended as well The cake was made by the were given speeches on ex- groom's mother and decorated by Mrs. Mansell

> Other out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Merv. Hanchuk, Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. J. Saxon, England. Guests also attended from



WEDDING BELLS RANG on August 9 for Sandra Faye Ross and Charles Robert McGinn in Trinity United Church. Wm. Stuckey Photo.

75 at session of Bible school

Baptist church vacation Bible school was held four evenings last week at the church. Attendance rose from 35 the first night to 75 on the Thursday, and the sessions were considered very successful.

Originally it had been intended to have classes Friday, but many were leaving for the holiday weekend so

the last night was cancelled. The Sunday School staff planned and conducted the

Wedding forms are office for accounts of marriages. Pictures and stories are published with available at the Free Press_ stories are published with no

eous showers were held by

Mary Ann Chagnon, Dalhia

Mrs. McGinn, assisted by

Mrs. Hatt. Gayle Ross also

held a miscellaneous shower

in Toronto. Mrs. Kelly and the

Quinn, Barb Murchison and

lioneymoon For travelling on a honeymoon trip to Kentucky, the bride wore a blue pant suit and a gardenia corsage.

The newlyweds are now living at 40 Maria St. Apt. 405, Showers

staff of Kelly's Nursing Home Prior to her marriage, the bride was guest of honor at six showers. Five miscellan-

held a personal shower. A stag was held for the groom at the Orange Lodge, Crewson's Corners.

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by Mrs. John Bennett, 1st vice president of Wellington Centre institutes, and the planning committee, Mrs. Archie Gates, Mrs. Harold Green, and Mrs. Arthur Wheeler at Malton Airport on Tuesday, August 19, for their

eight day visit to Ontario. They were taken to Eramosa School where a welcome was extended to them by Mrs. Clarence Beatty, president of Wellington Centre Institutes, John Root,

South Vancouver Island M.P.P., and Wm. Adsett, District Women's Institutes Reeve of Eramosa, Speedside and Greenock Institutes were hostesses to a delightful luncheon to welcome the visitors and introduce them to their hostesses.

During their stay they visited the Adelaide Hoodless home at St. George, the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek, Ningara Falls, and other parts of the Niagara Peninsula.

Tours The Elora Women's Institute served a noon luncheon on Friday for the visitors

Winner of trip at CNE

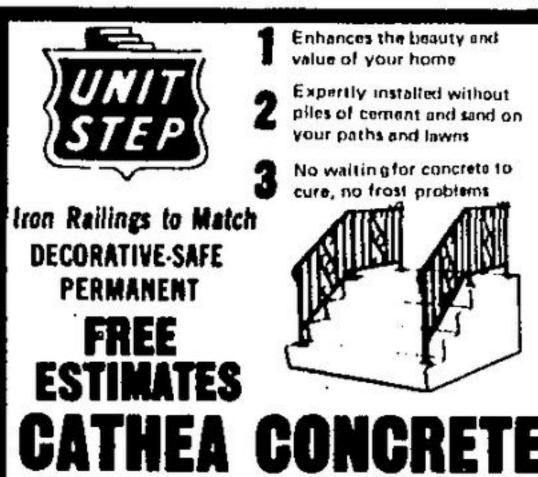
Exhibition this year are non, Ontario to St. Petersburg, Florida for a week.

Ted Tyler travel service Mr. Tyler said the trip will and Quality Tours booth at include the flight, meals, the Canadian National accommodation and luggage. Ruth Wells was notified sending Ruth Wells of Han- yesterday, (Tuesday) that she had won the trip from

Normal times for churches

summer, the United church and Knox Presbyterian had together. been worshipping together,

Church services return to and the Acton Baptist and normal this week. During the Churchill community church congregations worshipped



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Tours, banquet, gifts for visitors

after their visit to the of the Elmira vicinity. The Wellington county Museum Institutes of Wellington and St. John's Anglican Centre attended a banquet at Church to view the Florence Barrie Hill Church, where the Nightingale Communion set, visiting ladies were guests. and a brief sightseeing tour of Elora, after which they were

Donald Matheson, Reeve of also presented with the book Erin, presented them with a Elora. That afternoon they Wellington County Atlas, and journeyed to Guelph, visiting Mrs. Norman Jamieson, Area the John McCrae Home. The President, showed slides of University of Guelph, and Newfoundland. Each visitor thence to Rockwood for a visit received a personal gift from the district.

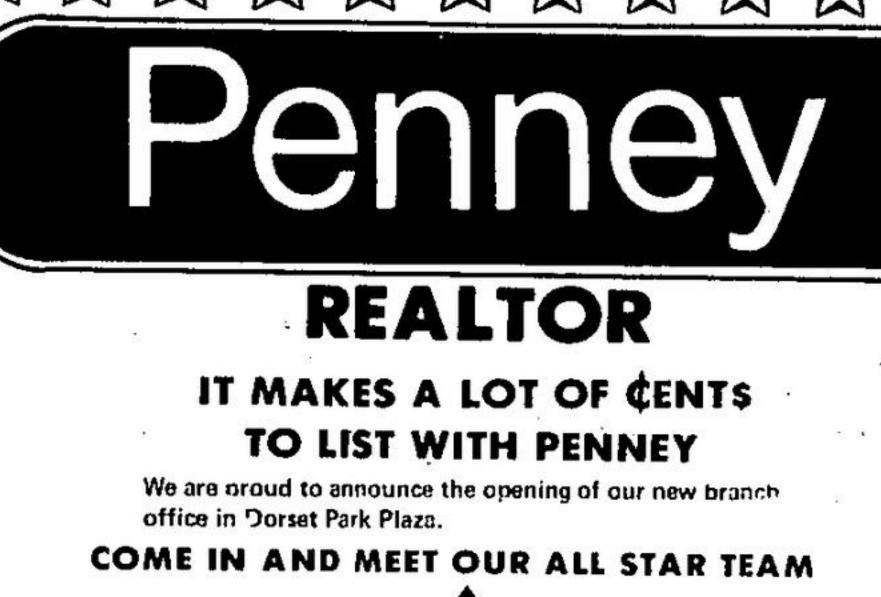
Saturday was a bus trip to Toronto where they visited travelled by bus to Ottawa. Casa Loma, City Hall, the After a tour of the City they Toronto Dominion Centre were bid farewell from Observation Tower, and other Ottawa airport on Wednesday points of interest.

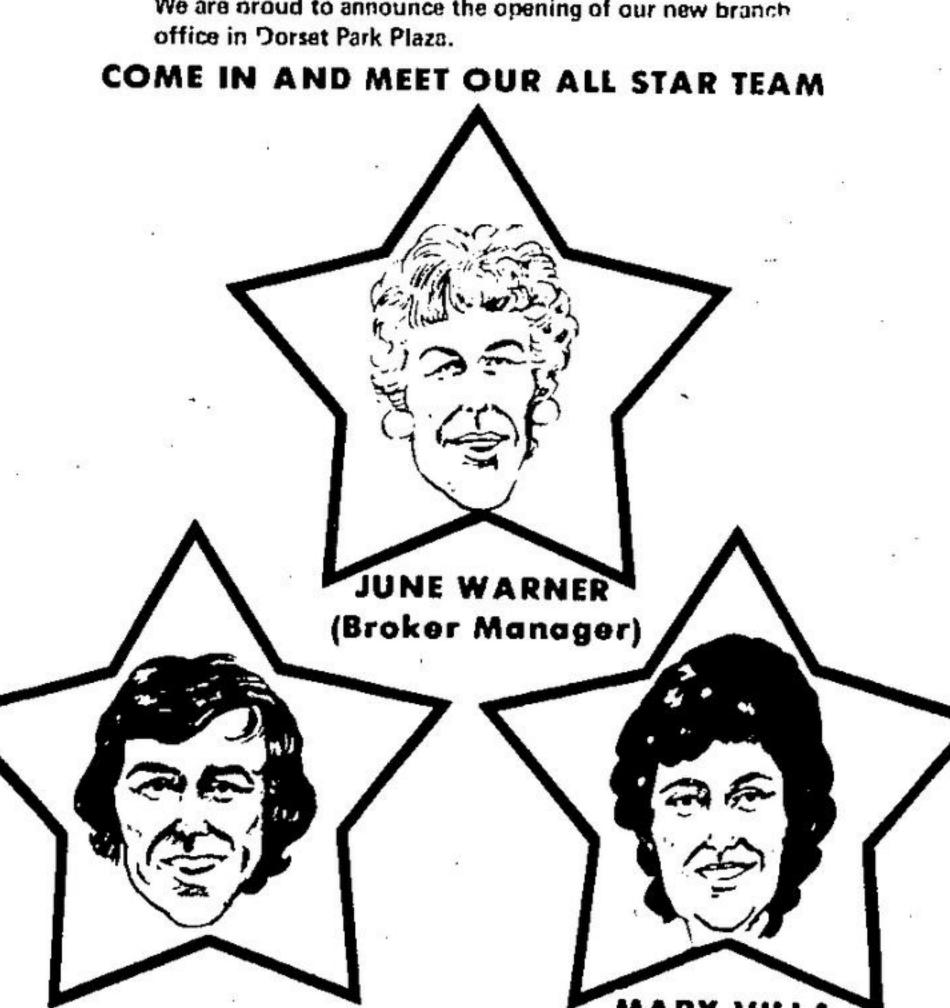
to the Doll House.

Monday was a mystery tour Institutes.

Tuesday morning they afternoon by several members of Wellington Centre







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