



By Wendy Thomson

Around about now, I should be celebrating the seventh anniversary of this column. I'm always so pleased—and surprised—to find I've made it through another year.

Over the seven years, I've written many times about predicaments I've been in, and other kinds of tales of woe. This time, I'm sorry to say (sorry for my husband, that is) it's Gord that's ended up in a real shemuzzle—an eleven day one!

It all started two weeks ago, when Gord headed out to Alberta to find some sort of a little place for us to buy or rent when we landed there, the middle of October. Judging by the way our own experiences with real estate people here, we saw no problem there.

Gord left here on a Thursday, Sunday night I waited excitedly for his call to say how things were going. It came, and things weren't going all that well.

Tied up
To begin with, the real estate people were tied up with one thing or another and couldn't take him out to see anything till the following week. Gord, not wanting to waste time, decided to rent a car and look around on his own, but discovered he'd left his driver's licence at home.

He thought the easiest and fastest way of getting around that, would be to go take a driving examination (what if he flunked!) and get an Alberta licence that way.

The next phone call was due Wednesday night. Again I waited all excited. Things were even worse. Apparently as long as he already held a valid licence somewhere, he couldn't get another one, so he sent a telegram to Queen's Park in Toronto asking for verification of his permit.

That was Monday morning. By Wednesday afternoon he was sitting seething. And the real estate people were still too busy to do anything but sit in their offices and show him fantastic pictures of \$175,000 ranches.

Something useful
Anyhow, it was now my turn to do something useful. First thing Thursday morning, I got on the phone. Someone at the Free Press dug up the book they were issued with the numbers of different government departments. The one for the Deputy-Minister of Transport and Communications was listed as 965-3604. I phoned, and that turned out to be the library. The librarian gave me the switchboard number, 965-1211. That, a tiny voice told me, was not in service.

Information gave me 965-1211. The secretary there heard out my long tale, and gave me 965-7160. Again, I was transferred once or twice more (I was losing track) and beginning to wonder what the point in having a government at all was, when a Mr. Jones came on the line. Within 15 minutes of my call, he had ascertained that no telegram had reached their office from Gord (I wonder where it ended up?) and had sent out a telex affirming that Gord did indeed have a valid licence.

In good hands
Not only that, but he phoned me back later, for my own peace of mind, he said so I guess I'd sounded rather harried; to verify that it had been sent. We had a nice talk, and I know that he works on

the seventh floor and has moved seven times within the past 10 years, although all in Ontario, and that his wife is from the west, and important things like that.

By the time he hung up, I felt that Gord was in good hands, and assured him I'd call again if there were more problems. And there were, but nothing Mr. Jones could do anything about.

Once Gord got his licence, he headed straight for a car rental. There, he was told he couldn't get a car because he was unemployed. I wonder if it would have done any good to show them his engraved watch for 20 years of service? The second place wasn't that keen on him because he wanted to pay cash, and didn't have a credit card.

By the time he got to a third car-rental agency, Gord was "wisened-up". I don't know what he said, but he got the car.

He only rented it for a day, because the different real estate offices had finally set a couple of days to take him around to see a few small farms. However, when the days came, the agents sat him down and showed him all the new listings for \$150,000 ranches that were available.

Lesson learned
So Gord came home, after 11 days in Edmonton, not being able to get out of his real estate agent to get out of his big fat office to show him one farm. Lesson learned—if you're wise and up, there's a lot of helpful people. If you're looking for a small inexpensive place, you're probably better off looking on your own, so DON'T forget your driver's licence!

Gord's seen only two places. One of them might do, but we won't know for sure for another week or so, so it looks as though we'll be setting off and just hoping for the best when we land.

I'm not sure how things are going on this end. The auction is this Saturday, and I'm running around in circles muttering pertinent things through clenched teeth, like "I wonder where the yellow went" and "Where are those twist ties?"

It looks like an interesting fall—"autumn", that is.

Vets at Legion

On Saturday a busload of World War I veterans came up to Acton Legion for the afternoon. They were entertained at a wine and cheese party in the lounge and then enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. There was a program of music during the afternoon as they chatted with Acton Legionnaires.

It's an annual excursion for the vets.



TOP WINNER at both Acton and Milton fairs is Mrs. J. R. Bray. She had over 60 entries at each fair and was awarded many firsts.

Free Press Personals

More than 100 friends and relatives gathered at the home of Private Kevin Harrison last weekend. He returned to home base, Camp Esquimaux B.C. Thursday and will be leaving for Cyprus in November with the Princess Pat Canadian Light Infantry corps.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Pfaff (Jo Ann Force) and Jennifer have moved to Moose Jaw, Sask. Jim has completed his medical internship in Toronto and is presently posted to C.F.B. Bushnell Park. Jim's mother is the former Kay Chapman of Acton.

Miss Debbie Force of Callander is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Force, Knox Avenue.

Here Sunday morning for the dedication of the new carillon at Trinity United were relatives and friends of the donors, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill, Limehouse; Mrs. Hattie Price, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Gorrie; Mr. and Mrs. D. Linstead and family, R.R. 1, Limehouse; Mrs. Betty Cunningham, Milton; Billy Cunningham, Gorrie; Mrs. Del Linstead, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rotel, Balinabad; and Mrs. Lindsay's nurse Miss Anderson.

Michael Hignett, age ten months, moves into Acton with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hignett from Mississauga. From Rexdale come Mr. and Mrs. James Markus and a three-month old son.

55th anniversary for the Leishmans

Jean and Cam Leishman marked another milestone in their life when they reached their 55th wedding anniversary recently. They planned a family celebration at their cottage at Whitney to include the wedding anniversary of their son Allan and his wife Hazel, and the birthdays of their grandson Drew and Jean Leishman. However, illness interrupted all their plans and they had to rush home to Acton.

Both of them are feeling much better now after a difficult summer.

They have received a very attractive certificate of congratulations from Prime Minister Trudeau.

The Acton branch of the Ili Neighbour Welcome Service welcomes 14 new families into town.

Mrs. Margery Box and her 24-year-old son Ian come to Acton from Mississauga.

Also from Mississauga are Mr. and Mrs. Evan Hayter and their three children ages five years, 19 months and five months.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Leary and three daughters have moved into town from Milton. Their daughters are ages six years, two years, and seven months.

From the nation's capital, Ottawa, come Mr. and Mrs. Victor Webster and three sons ages, eight, six and three and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Knickle from Oshawa have recently moved into the area as have Mr. and Mrs. Keith Veno and children from Ajax. Childrens ages are three years and five months.

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They also received two telegrams from the Governor-General, one of them offering congratulations on their golden wedding anniversary. The second telegram corrected the mistake and updated their marriage span to 55 years!

Lucky
John Upton, 109 Crescent street, Acton, was the winner of \$100 in the Olympic Lottery draw held on Sunday.

Coming to Acton from Oakville are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brain and daughters 12 and eight years. From Port Credit are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Higgins and 18 month old son.

Etobicoke was the last home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neury before they moved to Acton. From Georgetown come Mr. and Mrs. Jens Bogart and seven year old daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauto Tonn from Agincourt have recently moved to Acton as have Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lidbury, formerly of Georgetown. The Lidburys brought with them, two daughters ages nine and seven years, and have a 19 year old son living in Georgetown.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Leishman on fair day were Pete and Kay McNabb of Nassau, the Bahamas and Mrs. Alex Puzey of Guelph.

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Father Snyde held Open House at the rectory last week, when visitors admired the remodelling undertaken by men of the parish.

Mimosa W. I. tours district mills

The September meeting of the Mimosa Women's Institute featured a tour of the knitting mill in Glen Williams where men's socks are made and also a tour of the Woolen Mill in Georgetown where the raw wool is carded, spun, and wound on cones to be sent to the knitting mill.

Following this we met at the home of Mrs. Don Hancock at Glen Williams. Mrs. Gladys Gray is the delegate to the Area Convention to be held in Atwood on October 1 and 2.

A short course on Choosing and Using Fabrics is to be held November 19, and any ladies in the community are welcome.

The roll call, "A new product I have tried and the result" was answered by 14 members and one visitor. A petition requesting that sex, swearing and nude scenes be abolished on television was circulated and signed by the members.

Resolutions were read and discussed prior to being voted on at the Area Convention. They are planning a trip to Elmira for the November meeting.

The first euchre of the season drew a good crowd to Knox church Friday evening. The games are the last Friday of each month, sponsored by the Daughters of Knox.

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More wins in Milton

A top winner at Acton fair Mrs. J. R. Bray also came home from Milton fair with plenty of awards in hall classes.

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"TAKE ME HOME WITH YOU" asks Nordic Francois, a yearling Limousin bull on display at the fair. Young Ryan Dunlop is delighted and will be taking Francois home. His father, Tim Dunlop, manages Nordic Farms in Campbellville, Limousin breeders.

At assembly in Norval

Earl Soper, presiding overseer of Jehovah's witnesses in the Acton area, reports more than 100 area witnesses attended the Circuit Assembly in Norval this past weekend. A number of local residents shared in the two day program consisting of discourses and skills centred on the Assembly theme, "As for Us, We Shall Serve Jehovah".

Mr. Soper feels these assemblies are an integral part of the witness way of life.

Seek new minister

After church service Sunday morning at Trinity United church, a congregational meeting was held to elect a pastoral relations committee to secure a new clergyman for the congregation. The Rev. Eric Nelson has resigned.

Quilt draw

The draw at the fair, in which a quilt was won by Mareta Wilkinson, was sponsored by the horse show committee to raise money for the fair. The Free Press had it wrong last week—sorry!

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