

The Pine chair

Wide range of wares in new antique shop

Operating an antique and gift shop means a complete change of pace for Pat and Terry Gwyer. They have been active in business and are world-travellers, but are planning to move to this district and build a new home, and try a little retirement.

Still living in Oakville, the couple will move into a rented house in Rockwood this month until they build on their Acton property just north of town.

Liked it here
Mr. Gwyer teaches business management at McMaster University. He has been a consultant in industrial engineering, but has decided not to work at his profession full-time now. He came from England to Canada on a short-term job in 1958, liked it here and stayed. They have lived in Brantford and Toronto.

Pat Gwyer has had a glamorous career that sounds like the kind of work girls could only dream of. She has been in advertising and promotion in London and now in Canada, arranging exciting shows and productions, meeting dozens of prominent people.

She has, for instance, been fashion director for MacCall's magazine and pattern business in Canada. In this capacity she arranged the popular fashion shows at the Exhibition. It was always a hectic time of year, she admits, choosing the clothes and models, training the models, looking after all the details and finally acting as commentator. Pat recalls that all the comments and good publicity made it worthwhile.

Fashion, beauty
She was next fashion and beauty consultant for Edith Serai company, running a school in Toronto. There are schools in Quebec and Ontario.

She was fashion and beauty editor for Today's Generation, a publication in Toronto which reaches teenagers.

She is a ex-director of the Fashion Group Inc. in Toronto.

Although she has resigned some of her posts to try something new, she still has one big commitment to look forward to. She will be travelling all across the country with Miss Teen Canada for four months. Mrs. Gwyer is chairman of the judges for both the Miss Canada pageant and Miss Teen Canada.

Another venture she has particularly enjoyed is running the fashion show at Oktoberfest in Kitchener. It's a family affair on the Sunday afternoon, with dancing and singing incorporated with the

display of clothing. Pat Gwyer likes doing things... obviously! She likes things active and attractive. Already her mind is turning to what she might do here in Acton as well as tend shop. She'd like to get involved in something, perhaps a personalized beauty consultant service. She would enjoy helping people make the best of themselves, she says. She enjoys decorating, too, and sees possibilities in this field.

She was born in England but is settled now in Canada. Her mother and brother are here now too.

The Gwyers are often back, though, to visit family and friends. They have grandchildren in Germany, and go each winter there to ski.

Why an antique gifts and crafts shop in Acton?

First of all they liked the property they have bought in the country, then they discovered the woodworking shop for sale—and then they thought their combination-type shop would be fun. They could operate it themselves and close up for holidays when they want to.

They are advertising wide-

ly and many people are making special trips here to see the new shop. Antiquers, it seems, will go many miles to look over someone else's finds!

Mrs. Gwyer foresees the day that busses of day-trippers will include Acton in their itinerary. They come now to Campbellville's Opera Emporium regularly. These fun trips are arranged by friends of Mrs. Gwyer's from Toronto.

The former woodworking shop on Main S. has been pleasantly redecorated with red wallpaper and bright curtains.

The stock ranges from large pine pieces valued at several hundred dollars to small gifts as low as 50 cents.

They have gathered their wares in different ways, bringing some of it home with them from trips back home to England and Europe. The wide variety of the items for sale makes browsing through the shop a delight. "We buy what we like," they say.

The Gwyers are expecting many people to linger a while. They hope people will drop in often, whether they buy or not.



NEW SHOP IN TOWN, The Pine chair on Main S. contains antiques, crafts and gifts. Owners are Pat and Terry Gwyer.



GORD COOPER, JUDY Cargill and Theresa Civero were on hand on the weekend for the grand opening of their new business Family Bargain Centre on Hwy. 7, one mile west of Acton.

No fool—store opens April 1

Work boots, stereo component sets, children's wear, shovels, ladies' safari suits and stationery are just a few of the many items for sale in Acton's latest new store, Family Bargain Centre on Highway 7 and First Line.

Run by Theresa Civero and Judy Cargill, the Centre opened April 1 in the Civero Construction building on Hwy. 7, one mile west of town. As of yet, there is no large sign up advertising the building itself, but in spite of

this fact, the opening days were a huge success.

This is the first time for the ladies to have a business venture of their own. The idea came to light about a month ago and the women have been on the go since then covering the countryside buying stock.

Room to expand
The building they are in is quite large, which gives plenty of room for uncrowded shopping. There is also room to expand at a later date if the space is needed.

The proprietors feel the ample parking around the store will also be an asset for the business.

Gord Cooper is also a full-time employee of the Family Bargain Centre. He has many years' experience in merchandising so the Centre does not present anything new to him.

Suggestions from customers on stock or about the store in general are welcomed by Mrs. Civero and Mrs. Cargill. They want

to make the store as nice a place as possible to shop, and feel the customers may see things differently than they themselves.

The first 100 customers each received a sweetheart rose, and bicycle reflector lights were given with the purchase of children's clothing. The customers came and went steadily for the first few days, but not without first taking advantage of the discount prices.

Free Press

Family Page

Irish songs sung to Golden Agers

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
A good crowd attended for the St. Patrick's Day meeting of the Golden Age Club when the Sunshine Club of Rockwood provided a varied program and delicious lunch.

The lunch consisted of a variety of sandwiches and a variety of homemade cakes. Birthdays for March included Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. DeVries.

"The Masters Touch". Les Duby and Vic Bristow gave several duets "Far away Places" and other old favorites Mary Milne's Reading was given in her usual wonderful way.

The lunch consisted of a variety of sandwiches and a variety of homemade cakes. Birthdays for March included Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. DeVries.

Jack Post reported that the GO Bus would stop anywhere on the way through town. Tickets for senior citizens might be purchased at half-fare.

Holiday

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Personals

Mrs. Garnet Reed, Laurie, Robert and Ronald of Victoria Corners, visited on Wednesday with Mrs. Reed Sr., 40 Maria St.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Burns of Alliston were back in town Sunday visiting friends.

During school break, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogvaldson kept busy - moving from Main St. N. to Lakeshore subdivision, visiting daughters and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Rob Taylor and girls in Elliott Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Coquard, daughter and baby son in Montreal.

Mrs. Laura Innes and Mrs. Florence Harrison of Manitoba attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sprowl and are visiting the Sprowl families.

Five new families have been welcomed to town by Hi Neighbour Welcome Service hostess Marlene Steckley.

Two families from Scarborough are now living here. Mr. and Mrs. Hugu McKee and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith and daughter Kristie have settled in Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grimsey and daughter Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rees and sons Glen and Kevin have moved here from Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin and daughter Jenny uprooted from Brampton to come to Acton.

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Friends-In-Deed

Zoo, picnic, election in weeks to come

by Mrs. Emily Price
Our last meeting on Tuesday March 30 was very successful with a good attendance. We welcomed two new members and a new volunteer helper into our group. Our numbers are gradually increasing and, hopefully, now that the nicer weather is here, we hope to see more and more come out to enjoy our activities with us.

Many topics were discussed and plans were made to take a busload to the Metro Zoo in Toronto on Sunday, May 30. We hope as many as possible will come out and enjoy the outing with us. More details on this trip will be made at a later date as to the price, time we leave, etc.

June picnic
The area clubs picnic was discussed at some length to be held at Eden Mills on Saturday, June 5. Our club has been invited to join in their activities. We are hoping for a good representation from our group, as there will be several groups taking part. We are in charge of the afternoon activities, games, etc. If any one has any ideas, we would appreciate hearing from you and sharing them. We can assure you, everyone will enjoy themselves, as there will be outdoor activities, and food and entertainment will be inside a large recreation hall. We will have more details on the picnic later, but we hope as many who can will come out and enjoy this event and all our outings coming up in the future. This season promises to be an active and

enjoyable one for us, as many more activities are in the planning stages for the future.

Elections
Our election of officers will be on Tuesday, April 27. Nominations are to be in writing, seconded, and received by the secretary not later than April 15. We are hoping to have as many as possible out that night.

A very generous donation was presented to us from Dublin Women's Institute, and was received with deep appreciation and thanks. There will be no swim program for the next two weeks, but will resume on Sunday morning, at 10.30 a.m. on April 25.

We hope all who have been

under the weather with colds etc., and those who have been hospitalized will soon be much better, and will be able to get out to our next meeting in April.

A very Happy Easter to all of you.

Daffodils on folders

The Cancer Society provided the service folders for the churches last Sunday. The cover showed the traditional daffodils and the back cover the encouraging motto Cancer Can Be Beaten.

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