

Ladies' softball team for area sports buffs

by Mrs. Pam Sheldon
Alma Stull has offered her know-how as "coach-extraordinaire" to the "girls" in Speyside on an evening of softball each week. As with the Keep Fit Class at the school, the "Speyside Screwballs" baseball team is strictly for laughs - no pro's please. Alma asked Norm Howell, school principal, to mention it in his recent newsletter to the parents, and for the benefit of those without school-age children, this is what he said: "On Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. the Speyside Old Girls' Baseball Team will meet on the diamond at the back of the school to begin spring training. Membership is restricted to adult females, regardless of capability, who would enjoy an evening of softball once a week. We understand that a special set of rules is being written to accommodate all possible variations in size, age, skill, condition and inclination. . . . And all this time I thought he was our friend! SEE YOU THEN."

As it has been difficult to arrange a PTA in Speyside, the idea has been suggested of getting a small group of interested parents together once in a while to help plan some activities of interest to the community and the school, to talk about educational issues, to assist in communicating information.

etc. They would meet at least once per term with Norm Howell or other staff. To date only three people have shown an interest. Three parents out of the entire school body! Where are you?
I had an incredible week, one that only another housewife could imagine. It started last Sunday when a tree blew over in the wind, brought a hydro line with it, and landed on our roof. What a scare! Then my washing machine broke down and spewed water all over my newly-papered bathroom, my three year old son, Duff, spilled an entire 48 oz. tin of apple juice on the floor; the following day he couldn't walk (no fault of mine) and was diagnosed as having a pulled tendon in the knee; and my dog, Daphne, ran away for half a day. And that was just the beginning! Then Jim and I had a flat tire on Hwy. 401 in the middle of a rainstorm, the pipe leaked in the guest bathroom and soaked the broodloom, and Duff got the chicken pox and I spent two nights walking the floor with him. Needless to say, I felt like my time had come.
Then on Sunday morning Tami gave me the most beautiful home-made Mother's Day card, and Duff put his arms around my knees and said, "I wub you, Mom." Suddenly, it was a very good week.

Pat and Ron Mitchell are still wondering what hit them. On Friday afternoon Pat was sitting in front of the picture window in her family room with her three children, reading the newspaper. She looked up to see two birds heading toward the house and was about to point them out to the kids when suddenly an explosion occurred, and glass flew from one end of the house to the other. There sat Pat, covered in glass and a very large, very much alive partridge sitting in her lap. Miraculously, neither Pat, the kids, nor the bird were cut, just stunned. Birdbrain was laid in a box until he overcame his shock and then was freed. Pat says she is still cleaning up glass. "A rather shattering experience", quipped Ron.
Hadn't seen our swans for about a week and was beginning to get quite worried about them. So a phone call was in order to Nana Shrader next door to put my mind at ease. Seems one of the Canada geese has laid an egg and the gander is so over-protective he has chased the swans into a small pocket of water surrounded by trees and won't let them out. They are both fine, but are anxiously awaiting (as I am) the goose to hatch her golden egg so they can move about freely again.



FOUND: BIG FUZZY DOG. Have you lost your dog recently in the Speyside area? These three youngsters, Randy Laver, Michael Toyota and Stephen Cameron found this dog at Speyside School and came up with an appropriate description of the dog. The boys put the sign against the mailbox post along Highway 25 trying to find the dog's owner.

Osprings

Newsletter received from Brazil Mission

by Doris Fines
We were pleased to receive a newsletter from the Un-evangelized Field Mission, and to hear word of Lois Cunningham in Brazil. She says, after many months of studying the language, she has now joined the nursing staff at Auaris, and works with a Brazilian couple from Rio De Janeiro, Paulo and Ivell Diniz. She is still studying the language besides her nursing responsibilities, so is quite busy. She sends a thank you to all who have prayed for her, and sent gifts these past months.
Our tenant has moved in to her little nest on the window ledge. She is now guarding four robin blue eggs, and was quite annoyed that I had to run that noisy old lawn mower back and forth all over the yard on Saturday.
Family moving
Little Ricky Pettit spent the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes, while his parents Dr. and Mrs. James Pettit were in the process of moving from Guelph to Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Howes took him to Ottawa on the weekend.
Mother's Day visitors with Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris were Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson of Belwood, Gary Ferguson of Hamilton, and Mrs. Jess Ferguson.
We were sorry to hear Mrs. Stuart McKimmon is a patient in Toronto Hospital, and Mrs. Gordon Aitken in St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph. We wish

for them both a complete recovery.
The Boy Scouts were very happy with the results of their car wash on Saturday. They shined up a number of cars, which made quite a boost in their finances.
Rev. George Lewis held a special Mothers' Day service at Knox Presbyterian Church. Sunday School was dispensed with for the day, and a family service was held. Taking part with verses and readings were Carol Stewart, Neil Sinclair -

Belonging to Yourself, Mrs. Ralph Sinclair - Significance of Belonging, Karen Jackson - Belonging to Your Family, and Mrs. Glen Jackson - Belonging to the Christian Community. Scripture readings were by Mark Jackson and Glen Jackson. The children's story was told by Ward Bruce, with prayer by Mrs. Vernon Stewart and David Jackson. The Sunday School children sang "Little Girls", then they presented a rose to every mother in the congregation.

Ballinafad

Praise and complaints mingle in column

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Portelli on the sudden death of Diane's brother.
W. I. meeting
The May meeting was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. Shortill. About 17 attended, one member, Grace McEnery being absent at a W.I. conference.
The president, Mrs. Jamieson took charge and called upon the secretary-treasurer for minutes and reports. The roll call was answered by a picture of a mother and a tradition of the family. Some of the members mentioned a tradition but others were not given an opportunity as time went on.
Mrs. Given favored us with some Mother's Day solos in her lovely sweet voice, with Eileen McEnery at the piano. A citizen and world affairs article was given by Eileen Burt. Winnie Smith had a very lovely article on "Mother", referring to the Holy Mother of Jesus.
Plans were made for a visit to a local nursing home. A tour for June was discussed.
The cancer campaign in this area netted between \$700 and \$800, with gratitude going to the canvassers who made the numerous calls in this widely settled community. Mrs. Lillie Given had a splendid paper on the motto, "We had a little music and a pleasant chat, a sale of plants with auctioneer "Given" humorously setting prices. 4-H Achievement Day is this week.

Many families gathered with their parents for a meal together on Sunday.
Noise dogs
There was a dance in the hall on Saturday night. It seemed to be a very noisy party. Sometimes we shudder at what so much noise does to party attendants' ears, and what influence so much liquid refreshments do to the reputation of our locality. So few of our local people responsible for the building of our hall wish to take part in such rowdiness.
Again, while we are begging, we may as well get after the dogs running at large, spoiling our lawns and ruining our expensive shrubs.
Even W-5 was very critical tonight on their program. No people are suffering poverty who can afford dog food for one, two, or three dogs. One of our local cancer canvassers was bitten by a dog on her rounds collecting funds. It's nice to have a pet but dogs should be confined and usually are by responsible people.
Shopping spree
As I sat in the parking lot on Saturday it warmed the heart to see fathers and sons and wee daughters rushing out from the stores with happy faces and small parcels - yes - shopping for "Mother".
Our service on Sunday was a Mother's Day one - the Young Choir gave us a sweet song with Mrs. Jessop leading. "Jesus Loves Even Me."
Appreciated
Mrs. Sheila Stiles told a heartwarming story of "Sally Olson" who is mother to over 500 children in Puerto Rico.

giving them love, discipline, care and teaching them to share. It was a very beautiful story.
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Friendly Seniors club go on shopping spree

by Mrs. Georgina Wright
Another successful luncheon was held in the community hall on Wednesday noon by the United Church Women. These luncheons are quite popular and are held once a month.
The Tuesday afternoon Craft-Club had their craft sale upstairs during the luncheon and many of their lovely gifts found new homes.
The Friendly Seniors met Wednesday afternoon in their club room with Mrs. Anna Wilson in the chair. Opening with the singing of O Canada, Mrs. Wilson read a poem, "A Ride on a Rainbow". Minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. M. Lowrie.
A bus trip to the Lion Safari was cancelled. Other arrangements

to be made later.
New pins with names of members are to be ordered. Members of the directors went on a shopping spree last Thursday to finish buying items for the club room and were to be congratulated on their choice.
Adjustment was made to enjoy a few games of cards, euchre and cribbage, then a social half hour enjoyed over a cup of tea and refreshments.
Attends anniversary
Mrs. G. W. Lasby and Mrs. Garnet MacDougall attended the 30th anniversary of the Chee P. Mission in Knox Presbyterian Church, Guelph on Wednesday evening to

hear the Rev. Glen Davis and his wife who gave an interesting talk on their life and work in Japan among the Koreans. The reverend also showed slides of their church, congregations.
Mrs. W. C. Lasby spoke a few words. She had just returned from an annual meeting of the Toronto/Kingston Synodical of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Kirkland Lake. Mrs. Lasby is the President of Waterloo Wellington Presbyterial, also the president of our group in Eden Mills Presbyterian Church.
We are glad to know that George Weale is able to be home from hospital.

MPPs on citizens

Two Liberal MPPs will speak on citizen's rights and the Bradley-Georgetown hydro corridor at Erin tonight.
Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed and David Peterson (London Centre) will address an audience at Erin High School starting at 8:30 p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the Interested Citizens' Group (ICG).
Mr. Peterson was second in the Liberal party's leadership race earlier this year. Mr. Reed, of Norval, sits on the all-party Hydro Select Committee and is Liberal critic for consumer and commercial relations.

Stop lights turned awry

One set of stop lights at the Mill-Main corner was knocked askew by a bus Monday night.

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W.I. members hear about Hawaiian trip

Mrs. Harvey Bayne was hostess for the May meeting of Rockalong Women's Institute. Fifteen members replied to the roll call "Name something truly Canadian". Maple trees, Rocky Mountains, Trillium, beaver, Hockey Night in Canada, Ottawa, etc.
Mrs. George Mitchell presided for the business.
South Wellington District Annual was announced for May 19, 9 a.m. at Harcourt United Church, Guelph with Utoka W. I. as hostess. Roll call reply is to be an Olympic feature - game. Mrs. G. Mitchell, Mrs. W. Black and Mrs. Ken Spence were named as voting delegates.
Arrangements were made for the last euchre of the season May 6.
Plan tour
A tour of Rockwood Academy was arranged with Mr. J. Drenters for the June meeting June 8. Guests are to be met at 7 p.m. Following this tour the members meet for a business meeting and lunch at number 8 Community Centre.

The new program folders for 1976-77 were distributed to the members.
Mrs. Lloyd Dyer kindly thanked Mrs. Harvey Bayne for her work as secretary of the branch and presented a suitable gift. Citizenship and World Affairs was the program theme.
Mrs. G. Eason ably presented the motto "Home is the anchor of our nation's life."
Quiz
Mrs. H. Bayne conducted a quiz on World Affairs. Each member was given two questions to be answered e.g. Identify Indira Ghandi, James Callaghan, Peter Lougheed etc.
Miss Helen Bayne gave interesting highlights from a recent 15 day trip to the Hawaiian Islands (the jewels of the Pacific Ocean) - truly a delightful experience. A land of beauty - palms, exotic flowers, hibiscus, orchids, song birds, and summer climate.
Hostess assisted by the committee served lunch.

Youth dies on expedition

An 18-year-old Guelph student, Mark Johnston, plunged more than 90 feet to his death when he lost his balance and fell over a cliff at Rattlesnake Point Conservation Area.
Halton Regional Police said Johnston died instantly.
Mountaineering
The youth was one of 13 students from John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute on a mountaineering expedition to the towering Rattlesnake Point cliffs. Two instructors and two teachers accompanied the group.
Police said the group was practicing "rappelling", a branch of the sport of mountaineering in which participants descend cliffs in free-fall style using ropes and wearing safety harnesses around the waist.

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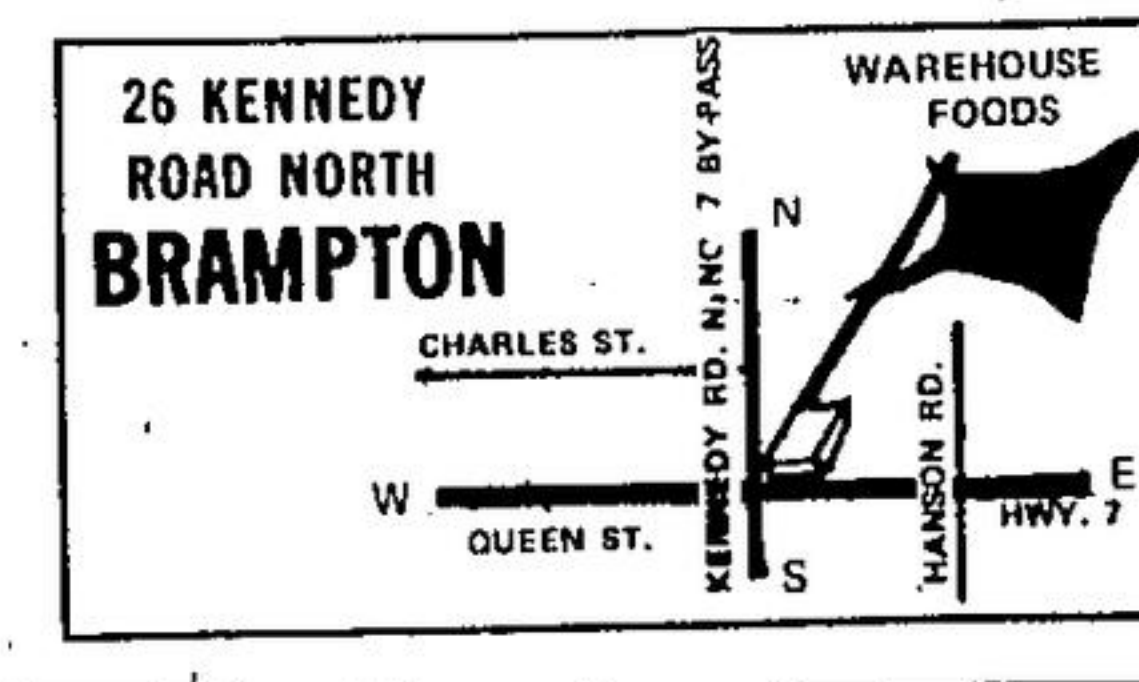
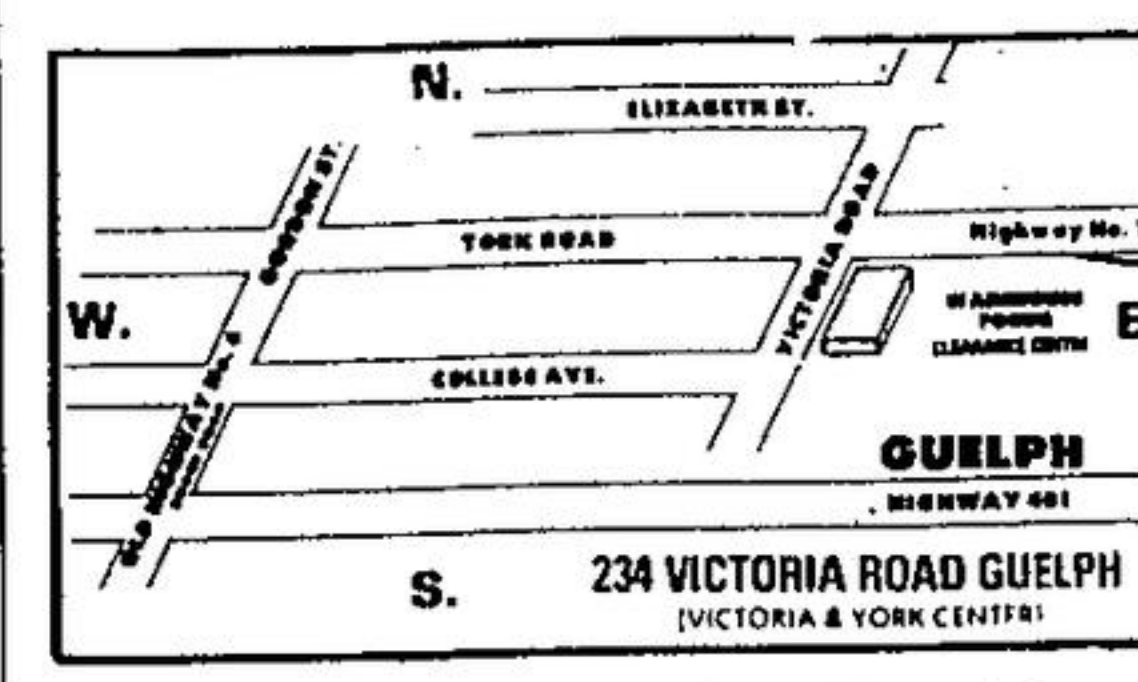
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