

# Trip to zoo for moms, kids

**By Pam Sheldon**  
Visitors to the new Metro Toronto Zoo usually either hate it or they love it, but I've heard of very few who have no opinion at all. The Zoo has been shrouded by a cloud of controversy ever since its inception and I, for one, wasn't quite sure what to expect. However, my fears were dispelled this past Friday when I joined Speyside Public School's Kindergarten and Grade 1 class on an outing to the Zoo.

The day began early, with high expectations for 40 children, two teachers and seven volunteer Moms, with the long-hour bus trip across the top of Toronto to our destination. Fortunately, we were blessed with one of the few beautiful days this Spring has sent us, hence the 15 minute wait to get through the admittance gates didn't dampen our spirits.

Once through, and with charges in hand, we headed straight for the African section and embarked on a journey to another continent. The first area housed numerous exotic birds whose surroundings of tropical plants were a horticulturist's dream. I thoroughly enjoyed this section and would like to return when I am alone and have more time to really browse, but it wasn't a favourite spot for the five and six year olds as birds and plants aren't their idea of excitement.

Favourites  
It wasn't long though before we came across four rhinoceros (huge beasts the children dubbed "ugly"), a herd of elephants, majestic lions, zebras, and the tall, lanky giraffes who were, by far, the favourite African animal of both the children and the adults. After a leisurely lunch on the grass under a shady tree, our group headed off again, this time to find brilliant pink flamingos, snakes, ostrich and hilariously funny fur seals who delighted us all with their antics.

Little feet were beginning to tire, so after one last visit to see the polar bears we called it quits and headed back to the bus. The Zoo trip was a wonderful experience for the children and will also serve as the source for a great deal of classroom discussion.

Ruth Wilson caught the entire trip on movie film and is planning on putting the classroom follow-up on film with the hopes of documenting the trip.

Change  
The absence of cages makes the design concept of the Metro Toronto Zoo a refreshing change as the animals' freedom of movement lends an authentic air to their surroundings.

My own personal observations are that one must view the new Zoo more as a large parkland housing exotic animals, rather than our traditional concept of a Zoo with back-to-back cages and fences. True, there is a lot of walking to be done but if you take a whole day and do it slowly I don't imagine it would be too tiring.

As this was a school trip and we had the responsibility of so many children, we weren't able to see the entire Zoo in one trip. I would hope, then, that many of you will put the Metro Toronto Zoo on your list of short family trips this summer. It ranks with Ontario Place, the Science Centre, and the CN Tower as one of Toronto's great attractions and I, for one, plan on going again with my family.

Where are you?  
After two weeks of playing baseball at Speyside on Wednesday evenings, the "old" girls are just beginning to loosen up and get the hang of it. We're not quite sure about the validity of some of the

calls made by our coach-referee, George Downey, but then again anyone who is willing to put up with us for two hours every week can't be all bad. One thing we have been wondering about, though—where are all you ladies who said you wanted to play? We are really having a "hoot" and it would be nice if a few more of our friends showed up. We play Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. at the School and hope to see more of you tonight.

**Two parties**  
During the past two weeks, two local ladies were feted, on two separate occasions, at parties in their honor. The first was a "wine 'n' chicken" evening held at Pat Vandereyken's home to say "thank you" to Kathy Coyle for an-

## Ballinafad

### Graduates, wedding reunion, church news

**By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.**  
Wednesday night the ladies of the U.C.W. served a hot beef banquet for a group of the Rebeccas from Georgetown in the church dining room.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Hall of Georgetown called on Mrs. R. Shortill one day last week and had afternoon tea. Mrs. Ball has just returned from a trip to Britain. She was called there for a special mission. She had the honour of officiating at a new Bernardo Home school opening for orphan students. These schools of today give advanced training to the students and fit them for a future career.

**Wedding**  
The wedding of Susan Jamieson and Earl Butler took place in the church on Saturday with reception for the many guests following when the U.C.W. served the

repast.  
Activities took place in the Community Centre on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Holt have their lovely house up for sale. They plan to return to Britain the end of June.

**Reunion**  
The Smith reunion took place on Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and their families and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith, as well as brothers and sisters gathered at the cottage home of Mrs. Joan Waidie for a pleasant afternoon. Guests and family members attended from St. Catharines, Acton, Hillsburgh, Milton, Port Elgin, Agincourt. About 60 sat to a supper served in Mrs. Waidie's home. Mr. Albert Smith was not able to attend. He is Mr. Frank Smith's brother and Mrs. Albert Smith is Mrs. Frank Smith's sister. Their one brother Mr. Hull of St. Catharines was able to attend. Family gatherings are so pleasant.

It is surprising, as Winnie was telling me, how much children change in a year. Also to visit together revives precious memories.

**Anthem**  
The Junior choir had an anthem on Sunday. The lesson was from Luke 9. Rev. Stiles' sermon was a report of Toronto Conference. "Four Questions of Concern": A thought for the week. The dawn will come, disappointments, sorrow and despair are born at midnight but morning follows." Weeping may endure for a night," says the psalmist, "but joy cometh in the morning. This brings new light into the dark corners of pessimism."

other year of instruction at the Speyside Ladies Keep Fit program. There was a good deal of hilarity at this party, and it concluded with a presentation to Kathy of a large Schefflera plant for her home and the hopes she will be back with us again next year.

The second party was a surprise baby shower held at Molly Downey's home for mother-to-be Kate Dale. As this will be Kate's first baby, she was deluged with advice from all the other experienced Moms, which she filed away for future use. Kate's happy event will take place mid-summer so she has a few more weeks of blessed peace which I hope she basks in—'cause after that, it's game over!

## Limehouse

### Cub, scout banquet

**By Mrs. Art Benton**  
Congratulations to Mr. John Sheppard who on Wednesday graduated with his B.Sc. in Engineering at the University of Guelph. He also received the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario Medal and the O.A.C. Proficiency prize. Mr. and Mrs. H.D.B. Sheppard attended his graduation exercises and luncheon.

Congratulations to Mrs. and Mrs. Johnson. Sixth Line south on the arrival of their second little daughter early in May.

Mrs. S. Milleham flew to Calgary on Friday to attend the funeral of a relative, Mr. E. S. McGregor.

From Mrs. Hannah Limehouse Cubs has another new boy—Tim Rock. Christian Book has earned his musician's badge and Hugo DeWinter and Eddy Holtman their first aid badge.

The Cubs and Scouts held their annual father and son banquet in the Hall last Wednesday. There were 56 present for the dinner which consisted of apple juice, homemade spaghetti, Italian bread, salads, relish trays and ice cream sundae. Gord Douglas D.C., Terry Colter A.D.C. for Cubs and Murray

Young Gordon March had his 10th birthday party on Monday, May 31st, with many of his little school friends to help him celebrate.

## Drivers get awards

Denny Bus Line drivers were presented with safe driving awards earlier this month at the Elora Legion.

The following drivers were honored: Gordon Aitken, eight years service; Marion Allan, 11 years; Harvey Allan, five years; Marie Anderson, four years; Donald Brown, 15 years; Lloyd Burt, 10 years; Clarence Denny, 16 years; Joyce Denny, beginner; Anne Drexler, four years; Marlene Drysdale, four years; Marion Duffield, 18 years; Helen Elliott, 11 years; Austin Fines, 12 years; Sonya Gallas, three years; Georgina Heyden, beginner; Clarence Hilton, beginner; Sharon Johnston, one year;

Gladys Lang, 10 years; Georgia Lewis, one year; Anne March, four years; Aleda Martin, five years; Earl McLean, one year; Lloyd McLean, 10 years; Margaret Parkinson, one year; Rhonda Rathbun, beginner; Eleanor Robinson, six years; Joyce Sargent, four years; Fern Sweeney, beginner; Donna Thompson, one year; Barbara Thompson, 12 years; Diane Zahodnik, one year; Arnold Duffield, 18 years.

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## Eden Mills

### It's graduation time

**By Mrs. Georgina Wright**  
We extend congratulations and good wishes to our young people of Eden Mills.

Barbara Marshall has just graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Applied Science at College of Family and Consumer Studies at the University of Guelph.

David Thomlinson received his Bachelor of Arts at Guelph University.

Tom Parker has his Diploma in Agriculture, Guelph University.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Snow attended the graduation of a nephew and niece Thursday Marjorie MacDonald in Consumer Studies and Robert MacDonald in Crops and Soil. They will be staying for a few days with their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Snow, also their parents are here Mr. and Mrs. Campbell MacDon-

ald of Dalhousie, Cornwall.

**Cleaning bee**  
The May meeting of Eden Mills Presbyterian Women took the form of the Annual Church cleaning followed by a short business meeting.

Mrs. W. Lasby, the president, called for the minutes and treasurer's reports of last meeting.

The ladies were reminded of the crafts and bake and tea table at Eden House Nursing home. June meeting is a picnic lunch at the home of Mrs. E. Barden.

Sunday was Eden Mills Presbyterian 114th anniversary. Guest preacher was the Rev. Robert Spencer M.A., director of Crieff Hills Community in Puslinch. Special music was provided by the choir.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. T. Barden: Mr. and Mrs. Al Nanteau of Mississauga; Mr. and Mrs. Len Bard, R.R. 2, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Millhenn of Westland, Michigan; Mrs. Jean Gemmel and son Robert of Dundas.

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