



**Sideroad 5**  
with Jennifer Barr

Husbands and farm sales have the same affinity for each other as small boys and peanut butter. For most country men it is a chance to get away from pressing chores for an afternoon; a chance to talk man-talk with friends they're usually too busy to see; and a possibility of picking up some really useful junk without the little woman vetoing the idea.

Mack is as bad as the rest. Whenever he feels like a work machine he takes out the Free Press and starts going down the auctions. I shudder and start reminding him of new shoes for the kids and other more important expenditures. Nothing doing. Off he goes with a grin — "Don't worry, Jen, I haven't got my cheque book with me!" He doesn't lie very well either.

**What am I bid?**  
They're always looking for the bargain of their lives, these men. Goodness knows you don't get many cheap buys at farm sales these days. But there's always going to be one some day, they think.

Mack's a great one for spying a rare bolt, one that will come in very handy—unfortunately it's in a wheelbarrow full of junk, so he has to buy the entire lot. He has bought a wagon load of goodies just for half a pair of hoof nippers. He has bought truck loads of garage doors for the track. He has bought barrels of rusty garbage for a hose fitting. And he's not alone either. This is quite a common complaint among the women I know. Good Heavens, if a woman did that, she'd be drummed out of the union!

**Look what I got**  
Whenever Mack comes home from a farm sale I tiptoe out to look in the van with trepidation. Sometimes it's a cream separator so that I can "make my own butter" (whoopee). Or maybe it's a slimy greasy little motor requiring a mere \$20 worth of parts to make it run.

Once the van was empty and I began to believe Mack really had left his cheque book at home until he said, "I have to go back with the pickup—two trips ought to do it."

Some day Mack's going to trundle off cheerily to a farm sale and I'm going to hold one of my own while he's away — and get rid of all the junk he's brought home from farm sales!

**Free Press Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson, Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rowlin, Sarnia, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ketchen, Hamilton, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Woods June 21 on the occasion of Mr. Woods' birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bradshaw, Smithville, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce enjoyed a holiday recently to Neepawa, Brandon Manitoba, Regina and Saskatoon Saskatchewan, Calgary and Banff Alberta, visiting with relatives and friends along the way.

Between 250 and 275 people enjoyed the annual Legion barbecue Saturday.

Sixteen roast beefs, averaging 15 to 20 pounds each, were barbecued and served with fresh vegetables.

After the gourmet's delight, there was dancing to "The Wheels" in the Legion dance hall, and other entertainment in the lounge.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Bert) Rogvaldson are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday. A party is to be held Saturday at the Acton Music Centre.

A surprise party was arranged to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Joe and Helen Jocque on Saturday night. Members of their family gathered in Milton at the home of Lachie and Gladys McKersie for dinner and a happy evening together. There were relatives there from Westland, Michigan.

A drenching thunderstorm burst over this area Saturday evening as people were going into St. Joseph's for Mass. They ran into the church, drenched within a few seconds.

Bushes and flowers were bent by the heavy rain and some branches fell.

Water poured into cellars in some places.

## Union church services begin

Union church services are again being held this summer. Beginning Sunday, June 27 and through the month of July Churchill Community church and Acton Baptist church members are worshipping together at Churchill. In August, services will be at the Baptist church.

This Sunday union services begin for the congregations of the United and Presbyterian churches. In July services are at the United church and in August at Knox church. These two congregations have been holding combined summer services for 14 years now.

## Minister congratulates new home for retarded

Countryside, the group home for 18 mentally retarded adults which opened in Hornby June 20, has received a letter of congratulation from James Taylor, Ontario's Minister of Community and Social Services.

Mr. Taylor praises the sponsoring North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded for its successful efforts on behalf of the retarded in North Halton and in particular, on the opening of Countryside.

"Group homes such as Countryside are an integral part of the service system for the developmentally handicapped, as they enable them to live independent, self-reliant lives in their communities," he noted.

Mr. Taylor said he is pleased to assist the Association by providing \$233,650 in capital grants, to cover 80 per cent of the construction costs of the home. In addition, the Ministry will provide about \$100,000 a year in operating grants, based on about \$20 a day for each resident.

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CAROLE MAE BOWMAN and Jeffrey Brent Goy were married at the groom's parents' home on June 5. After a honeymoon trip to the Bahamas, the couple made their home in Acton.

Photo by William Stuckey

## Goy-Bowman wedding

The lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goy was the scene of the wedding in sign language of Carole Mae Bowman and Jeffrey Brent Goy on June 5.

The Rev. R. Rumball, Toronto, minister for the deaf, officiated at the ceremony. The couple both attended E.C. Drury school for the Deaf in Milton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowman, Guelph, and is an employee of Commercial Shearing Inc., Acton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goy, Acton, and works at Goy Cartage Ltd.

Guests entered the lawn through an arbour decorated with yellow roses. The altar was decorated in white mums. Mr. Watson played the organ.

**Bride's gown**  
Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown with a ruffled skirt and ruffles on the collar extended down the back of the dress. A white wide-brimmed hat topped off her ensemble, which was complemented by a bouquet of yellow roses with

white carnations and daisies. Gail Dans, a girlfriend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Linda Russell, friend of the bride, and Jane Bowman, sister of the bride. They were gowned in country style dresses made by Mrs. O'Shea, in rust, blue and green. Their straw-like wide brimmed hats had matching colored ribbons. The bouquets were the same as the bride's.

**Afterward**  
A dinner and dance were held at the Acton curling club. The mother of the bride wore a green dress with a corsage of yellow roses. The groom's mother wore blue with a corsage of red roses.

The master of ceremonies at the dinner was the bride's uncle, Jim Thatcher of Collingwood. Mrs. Betty McIntyre and Mrs. Nellis made the wedding cake.

Special guest that day was Mrs. M. Bowman, the bride's grandmother, of Guelph. Other guests attended from Fergus, Guelph, Burlington, Norval, Kitchener, London, Windsor, Milverton, Collingwood, Brantford and Toronto.

**Wedding festivities**  
Prior to the wedding, the bride and groom were guests of honor at many special gatherings. A miscellaneous shower was held for the bride in London by Gail Dans. June Drysdale and Jerry Thatcher held another miscellaneous shower in Guelph. A personal shower in Brampton was held by Linda Russell, and John and Jan Goy hosted a wine shower. The wives of Goy Cartage employees also held a miscellaneous shower.

Goy Cartage men held a stag for the groom at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Papillon. One was also held at the Legion.

An office presentation at Commercial Shearing Inc. was made to the bride.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Nassau, Bahamas.

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