· by Wendy Thomson in Buck Creek, Alberta Remember in 1970, all my planning for the trip to Banff with friend Alice Hatfield? We were going on a six day mountain trail ride in July.

We started packing, buying, repacking in January, planning everything down to the last detail so things (hopefully) would go without hitch.

Olympus" effect.

Photo by Wendy Thomson

the Jasper-Banff Highway,

we watched the sun lighting

up one mountain after

another, making strange and

interesting shadows on the

slopes and in the gullies. It

was maybe just as well that I

was limited as to time and

film or we'd have been ages

We arrived shortly after 10,

dropped off the cats at the

stables, then headed up to the

hot springs where the kids

soaked up the heat for half an

hour. I sat up on the balcony

above the pool with the

camera and people watched.

By three o'clock we had

done all the window-shopping

possible, so I waved the three

off on their homeward trek, (I

found out later they took a

wrong turning and headed off

to Vancouver before getting

I couldn't get too excited

over the thought of siting in

the hotel reading or writing,

so I meandered over to the

trail ride office, lent a hand In

the store, and got all caught

up on the summer's scut-

tlebut, putting in time tilt the

ride left Tuesday morning.

straightened around.)

getting to Banff.

Then, having wound ourselves up thoroughly, we took the train to have a couple of days in which to unwind! It was great talking to other watching passengers, scenery from the dome car having dinner all set out in the dining car, having beds made up and down. Quite the life-for two days only, thank heavens.

How different it was this year! I was to go out for a week with outlitters Warner and MacKenzie who were having their first group rides this summer, and take a few pictures for them.

We were to leave here Sunday, but I had been so caught up in other things, I didn't start packing till Saturday night, and even then in a very haphazard way.

As we started the five hour (242 mile) drive to Banff, I thought about that Thursday evening years ago, with Alice and I waving goodbye to our families and excitedly starting out from Union Station on a luxurious trip to Banff. To begin with, this year, my

husband had already been up in the mountains for nine weeks working at the trail ride camp, before I could join him, so there was no waving goodbye to anything but the dogs before we left.

We climbed into the truck at five in the morning; number-one son, Jim (17), came with me to drive the truck back. He needed it to get to his summer job each

Number-two son, David (12), was with us because unlike the rest of us, he had never seen the mountains close up. And for an Albertan that's a sad state of affairs.

The third passenger was Heather (15). As near as I can figure, she was brought along to sit between the two boys on the drive home to see that they didn't fight (Jim's idea). And in the back was Midi-

cat, the semi-wild one who was here when we bought the farm, and three of her kits. As the Warner-MacKenzie stable had an excess of mice and we had an excess of cats, we packed them between my duffle bags to take with us.

So there we were heading south on country roads toward the David Thompson Highway. As yet, every drive to Banff is a new experience-new routes, different weather and seasons, various times of day and night. In July I took a run down one weekend and it was raining Driving across the David Thompson Highway

couldn't see a mountain, the clouds were that low, but I knew they were all around me somewhere. It felt strange. Even when I finally arrived

at the trail ride camp, clouds obscured much of the scenery and I found one mountain quite fascinating. With the bottom hidden in white mist and just its top showing it looked as if the peak were suspended in mid-air. It was very clear to me, and strangely logical, why ancient people thought gods lived on top of a mountain.

This trip, though, (much to my delight) the weather was perfect. While heading south, caught glimpses of a magnificent sunrise off my left shoulder, and kept pausing on top of hills for a better

As we turned west toward



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After the singing of "Living For Jesus" and the repeating of the Club mottos, the secretary's and the treasurer's handed over to Mrs. Harry reports were read and Phelan and her group, who answered by the payment of study book, entitled "Women

that a motion was on the questionnaire presented to

CLOUDS IN THE rockies were low to produce this rare "Mount

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Mrs. Tom Watson said that Sunday School teachers are urgently needed and requested that any willing person

The meeting was then adopted. The roll call was presented Chapter Two of the Who Followed Jesus." The members were then divided before the members the fact into three groups and a

Photo by Wendy Thomson

each, pertaining to the Service from the October chapter studied.

The group in charge, also the members, participated in

Free Press

Mr. and Mrs. James

Sayers, R.R. 4. Acton and

family, held a surprise dinner

for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon

Johnston in honor of their 45th

October 10. Brothers and

sisters of the Johnstons were

present and a gift was

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Catherine Hinton, daughter

Mary Hinton, became a

member of the Lakeside

Chapter of the 1.O.D.E. at the

wedding anniversary

presented to them.

Congratulations

member of the LO.D.E.

death.

the Thanksgiving Worship

issue of Glad Tidings. After the closing hymn, refreshments were served.

> Kingshott of Rockwood had a very enjoyable visit with their sister, Mrs. Eldon Lambert and family of Sarnia over the Thanksgiving week-

Personals

Actonians.

Kingshott, now of Rockwood.

October 5 meeting of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Boughton Catherine's mother was a were recounting their exmember until her recent periences in narrowly escaping with their lives from the Out-of-town member, Mrs. flash flood in Colorado where Stella Adamson, Galt, was many were killed. also present and spoke of her

Mark Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. H. Shultis entertained the Milne Family to dinner Saturday evening to Mrs. William Tuck of honor her mother Mrs. Marg-Georgetown and Mrs. John aret McNabb on her birthday.

A Front Page Challenge guest on Sunday evening. David Boughton and his wife Helen may be known to some

David, a high school teacher in Bracebridge is the H. H. Hinton and the late son of the former Gwen Marsh who grew up in Acton. She was a cousin of Mrs. John

recent cruise to the Mediter-Mrs. A. Duby and her sister were Mrs. L. Lyons of Guelph spent extended to Mrs. Isabel the holiday weekend at 3 Mile Watson on being named Citi-Lake, guests of the Duby zen of the Year. She is a family.

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Visit in Sarnia

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By Mrs. Emily Price We hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving weekend, even though we had a taste of winter on Saturday. However, Sunday and Monday certainly made up for it weatherwise.

beautiful and colorful, hope many people got out to surprises are good for everyenjoy all the beauty.

Our thanks go to the mangement of the Acton the handicapped enjoyed it very much. We would like to good turnout. thank the two ladies who came out to help us in the ladies dressing room on Sunday. Their help was greatly enjoy and share our activities appreciated.

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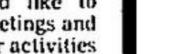
GAS PAG

A bustoad of us are going to the Ice Show in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, October 19. I'm sure it's going to be a very enjoyable evening for all of us.

The meeting this month is on Tuesday, October 26 at the The countryside is so firehall. We hope there will be we some real good costumes as

Our next executive meeting will be Tuesday, November 9 swimming pool, as the water when our November 14 trip to was just right on Sunday. All the Science Centre will be finalized. We are hoping for a

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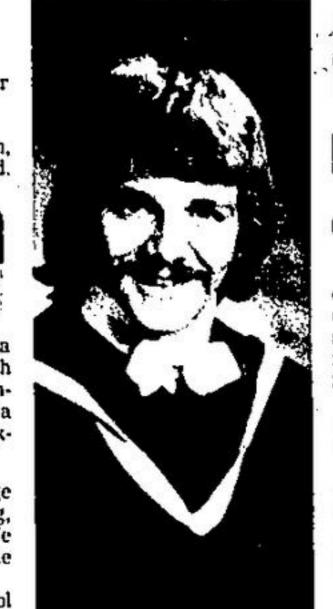
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John E. Last, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Last of Main St., Acton, received his B.Sc. and Rural Development (Honors) at the Fall Convocation, University of Guelph

the fast Tuesday of every month at the firehall at 7.30 p.nt. We hope to see new people come out and enjoy themselves with us.

## Free Press

Institute hears report on international match opened the October meeting of the Acton Women's Institute with a poem "Design for a Home and the Mary Stewart Collect." read the secretary's and treasurer's reports. some of the things she especlally enjoyed at the Ploughing Match at Walkerton, also a paper on Farmer's Tours in the United Kingdom and a report of the Board Meeting held at Ligny Hall on October

on Friday, October 8.

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said, lunch was served.





