



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.

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 passengers, watching 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 outfitters 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 day.

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 Midge, 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 duffel 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 I 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, I caught glimpses of a magnificent sunrise off my left shoulder, and kept pausing on top of hills for a better look.

As we turned west toward



CLOUDS IN THE rockies were low to produce this rare "Mount Olympus" effect. Photo by Wendy Thomson



GORD THOMSON spent the whole summer in the mountains keeping the trail ride camp in order. Here, after hauling in a load of firewood, he has unharnessed the team, Onion and Garlic, and is heading off to the corral. Photo by Wendy Thomson

Group studies women who followed Jesus

The regular meeting of the Daughters of Knox was held at the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, Oct. 11th. The meeting was opened with a reading entitled "Autumn" by the President, Mrs. William Spielvogel.

After the singing of "Living For Jesus" and the repeating of the Club motto, the secretary's and the treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The roll call was answered by the payment of dues.

The President brought before the members the fact that a motion was on the

books that the club would resume the making of minicameat this year. A committee was chosen for the project.

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

The meeting was then handed over to Mrs. Harry Phelan and her group, who presented Chapter Two of the study book, entitled "Women Who Followed Jesus." The members were then divided into three groups and a questionnaire presented to

each, pertaining to the chapter studied.

The group in charge, also the members, participated in the Thanksgiving Worship

Service from the October issue of Glad Tidings.

After the closing hymn, refreshments were served.

Free Press Personals

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 wedding anniversary on October 10. Brothers and sisters of the Johnstons were present and a gift was presented to them.

Catherine Hinton, daughter of H. H. Hinton and the late Mary Hinton, became a member of the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. at the October 5 meeting of the club. Catherine's mother was a member until her recent death.

Out-of-town member, Mrs. Stella Adamson, Galt, was also present and spoke of her recent cruise to the Mediterranean.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Isabel Watson on being named Citizen of the Year. She is a member of the I.O.D.E.

Visit in Sarnia Mrs. William Tuck of Georgetown and Mrs. John

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

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

David, a high school teacher in Bracebridge is the son of the former Gwen Marsh who grew up in Acton. She was a cousin of Mrs. John Kingshott, now of Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Boughton were recounting their experiences in narrowly escaping with their lives from the flash flood in Colorado where many were killed.

Mark Birthday Mrs. A. Doby and her sister Mrs. L. Lyons of Guelph spent the holiday weekend at 3 Mile Lake, guests of the Doby family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Shultis entertained the Milne Family to dinner Saturday evening to honor her mother Mrs. Margaret McNabb on her birthday.

Friends-In-Deed

Plans underway for Kitchener trip

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.

The countryside is so beautiful and colorful, we hope many people got out to enjoy all the beauty.

Our thanks go to the management of the Acton swimming pool, as the water was just right on Sunday. All the handicapped enjoyed it very much. We would like to thank the two ladies who came out to help us in the ladies dressing room on Sunday. Their help was greatly appreciated.

A bustload 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 firehall. We hope there will be some real good costumes as surprises are good for everyone.

Our next executive meeting will be Tuesday, November 9 when our November 14 trip to the Science Centre will be finalized. We are hoping for a good turnout.

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to come out to our meetings and enjoy and share our activities with us. Our meetings are on



John E. Last

John Last is graduate

John E. Last, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Last of Main St., Acton, received his B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development (Honors) at the Fall Convocation, University of Guelph on Friday, October 8.

A graduate of Acton High School, John is now employed with the Bank of Montreal.

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

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Institute hears report on international match

Miss Dorothy Simmons opened the October meeting of the Acton Women's Institute with a poem "Design for a Home and the Mary Stewart Collect."

Mrs. George Hargrave read the secretary's and treasurer's reports.

Mrs. Roy Lindsay told some of the things she especially 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 5.

Mrs. Earl Lambert, Mrs. Thomas Cooke, and Mrs.

Wm. Denny gave readings. Mrs. George Hargrave and Mrs. Cecil Nellis are delegates appointed to the 37th annual Women's Institute Convention at Bingham Park.

Mrs. Cooke conducted a contest.

Two minutes of silence was held in memory of the late Dr. Chapman. After Grace was said, lunch was served.

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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 getting to Banff.

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 straightened around.)

I couldn't get too excited over the thought of sitting 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 scutletub, putting in time till the ride left Tuesday morning.

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