I'd hoped to have this written long ago, but there's always so much going on, letters to write, pictures to take and now that

stopping by. Among them were Grace and Elmer McKinnon from Hillsburgh with all the news of Erin Township Council and

get the spare tires, motor-

There, I plan to be like Jim

Henderson, the Acton writer

who uses, I hear, a flagpole

(with flag), to signify

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But that wouldn't solve the

problem of what to do when a

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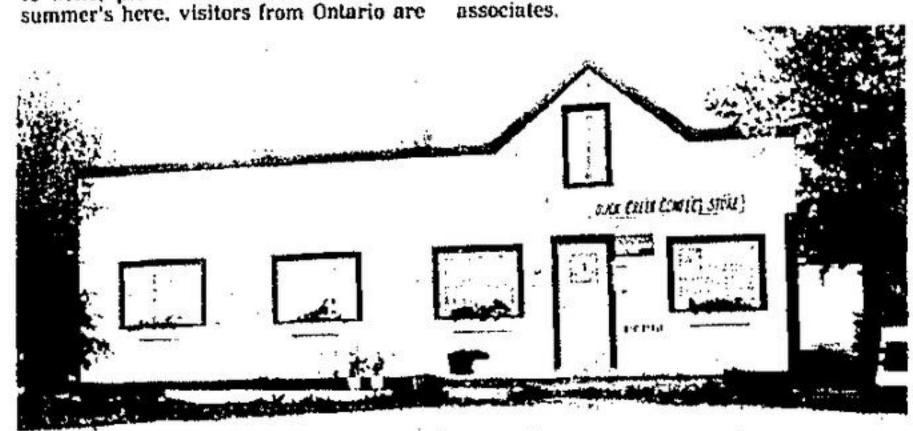
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No way!



BUCK CREEK today consists of eight houses, one garage, the com-munity hall, and BUCK CREEK CONFECTionary STORE, which houses the post office. Twenty years ago it was a booming town with 700 people.

became a summer-widow garages, three restaurants, sun, will be my own, once I again. Gord piled all his and 700 people. clothes into the truck and trail-ride outfitters Warner and MacKenzie again. I thought I might go down too, like I did last summer, but I just realized I can't. Gord has my sleeping beg, ground sheets, down vest, saddle bags, chaps, and heaven only knows what else. Anyyow, there's enough to keep me busy here.

A couple of weeks ago, with the camp all set up and ready for the first batch' of trail riders (among them, some relatives of Acton folk), Gord swapped animal stories.

Gord told me about Jethro, a young bull elk who hangs around camp, poking into all the supplies. He also has the bad habit of checking out the washstands and making off with Dial soap-nobody knows whether it's to eat or the pictures that were taken.

My story began with the sighting of a grizzly in our south field. A motorist spotted him ambling toward the road, and stopped here to tell everybody. Great excitement!

Shortly after I told Gord, we were out checking the fences in the bush and came across a dead tree with roots

all dug up. Hopefully I inspected the trunk, and sure enough-one side was clawed where the bear had left his mark. The

top ones were higher than, Gord could reach-almost 10 We also found where he'd been rooting around in an old junk pile not far from the

house. Needless to say, I don't go for too many walks through the woods any more. and parts in a third, David Anyhow, I should take time now to finish my description

of the area, this town in particular.

The middle of June, I with a hotel, school, two with three windwos tacing the

Then the government bike, house siding and inheaded for Banff to guide for decided to put in a bridge, spanning the Saskatchewan River. Up till then, the crossings were done on a car ferry just west of Buck Creek, or people could go across in some sort of cable bucket. There are tales of long line-ups, two-hour waits for their turn, and crossing in storms when the bucket barely cleared the

But that site was unsuitable for a bridge, and it was built eight miles north on the road between Alsike and Drayton drove home for a day and we Valley, which was just a small hamlet at that time.

After the bridge and new highway were in, Drayton boomed while Buck Creek went into a decline. The houses and mobile homes were loaded up and carted to Drayton. People say how strange it was to look out and play with! I'm curious to see , see a three-storey house vanishing up the road.

> Since most of the people were with oil companies and were accustomed to moving, the homes were "skid shacks", that is, buildings that could be skidded from one oil site to another, Few were really "shacks"; most were fairly substantial neat little buildings.

> As the years passed, many folk settled on a quarter, then built a new house or bought a mobile home, using their old skid shacks for storage or

chickens. As well as the original log homestead buildings here we have six skid shacks of different shapes and sizes. One, complete with wallpaper is used for grain; the cows shelter in another.

Jim keeps the snowmobile has taken over the fourth for his bike, motor, and other

related stuff. The largest, a two-room Twenty years ago, Buck affair, is Gord's and Jim's Creek was a thriving town workshop; and the smallest

Mr., Mrs. Madill have 40th anniversary

140 wellwishers dropped in on Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill at the home of their daughter Mrs. Marilyn Linstead, R.R. 1, Limehouse on Sunday to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married in Ballinafad United church July 24, 1937, and lived on Mrs. Madill's family farm in the Limehouse area. Mr. Madill is originally from Mt. Albert, near Newmarket.

Mrs. Madill is a member of the United Church Women, the Acton Ladies Fair Board, the Bannockburn Women's Institute, Mr. Madill is a member of the Acton fair board. He worked in Acton Flour Mill until his retirement.

Many lovely cards and gifts were received by the happy

Pouring tea were Mrs. Hattie Price, Mrs. Florence Miller, Mrs. Del Madill, Mrs. Alma Williamson, Mrs. Willa Shortill and Mrs. Elsie Skeoch. Serving the lunch were Mrs. Jean Price, Mrs. Betty Cunningham, Mrs. Chris Toyne, Mrs. Jennette Hawes and Mrs. Gladys Kennedy.

attended from Arthur, Dunsford, Uxbridge, Mount Albert, Gorrie. Acton. Keswick and R.R. I, Lime-

They have two grandchildren, Lori-Anne and Jimmy.

W.I. members tour museum

regular monthly meeting of Bannockburn Women's Institute was held on July 20. The members went by car to the Agriprogram cultural Museum near Kelso (as it was the Agriculture and Canadian Industry meeting) new to area where they were given a four.

While the buildings are far from completion they were given the general idea of what their plans are. There were many different kinds of machinery and household equipment dating back to the early 1800s right up the present time. From there they went to the home of Mrs. W. Coxe for the business meeting. The roll call was answered by each member telling what they do to conserve energy. The motto was given by Mrs. C. Sinclair, A letter was read from Mrs. Hitschmanova and a donation was sent to her for her work.

The lunch committee consisting of Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Coxe served lunch and a social half hour was spent over the tea cups. Mrs. C. Sinclair was courteous

emotional or spiritual difficulties are urged to call a central "700 Club" for free counselling by a group of convener.

MR. AND MRS. MORGAN Madill celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday. G. Eggleton Photography.

Will reign

Nancy McKinnon, a pretty 19-year-old from Milton, will reign for the next year as Queen of the Ontario Shorthorn Lassies

As Queen, Nancy will travel to all the major Shorthorn shows in Ontario and represent Ontario Shorthorns at the annual Agribition in Regina next November, "1 am really looking forward to attending the Agribition," Nancy smiled.

Her job, primarily, will be to promote the Shorthorn breed. It's a public relations job that seems right up Nancy's alley, for she is a personable, knowledgeable teenager who gets along fine with people and enjoys attending a variety of agricultural events

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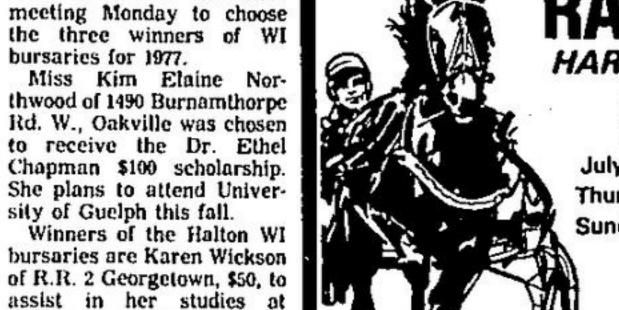
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