



We have a little Border collie. His name is Jim. He thinks he's a sheep.
Jim came to us in the spring as a bandy-legged stripling about the same time we got Lucy Lamb. Old dog Jane didn't take too kindly to the kid at first so he cuddled up to Lucy and became bosom buddies.

When Lucy ate grass so did Jim. And I don't mean just nibbling at a wee piece like most dogs do - Jim cropped grass like a sheep. He kept looking at Lucy as though to say "what are we doing this for, Huh, Luce?", but he ate grass just the same. Don't know what it did for his tum but he looks healthy enough.

Now that Lucy is large and mature, she acts like a real grown-up sheep in her pasture while the young ewe Penny is Jim's special pal. Penny and Jim play games like two lambs, they eat together, they even evacuate their bowels at the same time, in the same place, one following the other.

One more nutty animal to add to the bunch.

Cats is nice

The cats, now, they're quite sensible, especially Michael. He's that big grey Persian weighing in at roughly 13 pounds. He can usually be found sitting squigged on his back on Erica's knee eating chocolate cake (hope my vet doesn't read this). Mikey's a real lovable slab, lick, affectionate - just the kind of a cat a young girl thinks is tops.

Angela is a glamorous white Persian, well aware of her physical charms. She's so beautiful she hasn't bothered developing any personality. Angela eats, sleeps, and looks gorgeous - probably make a good television commercial.

My pride and joy is Celia, the Himalayan, who is not only elegant, expensive, and exquisite but loaded with eccentricity as well.

Himalayans are originally a careful cross between Persian and Siamese to produce a color point Persian. The breed is supposed to have none of the Siamese characteristics except the color. Celia is a throwback, a mistake, a Himalayan oddity. Not only does she look like a long haired Siamese with lovely champagne hair, lilac points, and incredible ice blue eyes, but she thinks like one, too.

Most of Celia's life is spent six feet off the ground walking around on tops of things. Many a time I'm startled out of several years of growth by meeting those piercing eyes on top of the fridge just quietly surveying me. She won't drink unless she has fresh water in her own pan on top of the stove. She won't eat unless her own dish is quite away from the other cats. Anyone sitting in her chair is subjected to that famous Siamese stare. She's very affectionate and vocal - to me only, she's very obviously my cat. Occasionally she'll approach strangers and insist on sitting on knees, even unwelcome ones, but it's got to be her idea.

Nasty nights

Angela and Celia hate each other. They fight as only two female cats can. Whenever they're together the house is full of thisledown hair, greet gobs of it. The only time they don't fight is when no-one's looking and they curl up in a chair together.

When winter is nearing its end and all the animals are stir crazy with thoughts of spring, Star Wars have nothing on our place. Our nights are through with yowls, spits, and crashes as the feline pair roll around the basement knocking over paint cans and playing havok with the model railroad. They only do it to get rid of their winter hair. Come summer they're pals again. Well, maybe not pals exactly - tolerant acquaintances.

I've just looked out the window to see the young lamb eating a bone along with Jim. Better go have a little talk with them.

Churchill

Residents holiday across province

Mrs. J. Turner, Miss Susan Milne, Third Line, spent a few days last week holidaying at Spencerville near Ottawa, as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Craven and family.

The Cravens are friends and former neighbours who moved to Spencerville three years ago. The highlight of the holiday was a trip to Ottawa where they saw the changing of the Guard at the Parliament Buildings and visited the Federal Mint. Susan was accompanied on her return by Miss Cheryl Craven, and the two girls have had a great time visiting Cheryl's old friends in the area.

Mrs. Otto Wiggins of Brampton, formerly Ula Allen of this community visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson last week.

In answer to several inquiries, The Churchill C.C. Women are planning to hold another paper drive some-

time in the fall. Further details will be given later.

When so many are heading to the resort areas for summer fun it seems strange to be spending holiday time in the city. However that is exactly what we did last weekend. We spent one fantastic (but oh, so tiring) day at the Metro Zoo, and another fun afternoon at Ontario Place. Saw two excellent movies. "The Rescuers" was delightful and particularly enjoyed by our ten-year-old. "Star Wars" seemed aimed at a teenage audience but had a definite message for all, and was extremely funny in places. It is not easy to impress teenagers these days, but ours was immensely impressed by the pizza and the pipe organ entertainment that was the specialty of the Organ Grinder restaurant on the Esplanade. Organist Don Thompson was very clever at drawing music from his complicated instrument and at inspiring audience par-

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ALTHOUGH THERE was no tornado, just a torrid downpour, the Wizard of Oz was on hand at the summer playground parade Thursday evening. Limehouse/Speyside playgrounds went together as a joint effort for the float.

Ballinafad

Neighbors and friends gather for corn roast

by Mrs. Winifred Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sanderson and family invited the eighth line corner neighbors and a few friends to their farm home on Saturday evening.

It is the time of year when the sweet corn is ready, so the Sandersons wanted to share some with neighbors and friends before the coons found out where it was. Judging by the crowd that came, all accepted the invitation wholeheartedly.

A blazing fire was made outside where the corn was cooked. Young and old gathered in the large new implement shed which only recently was built by the Sandersons. It was an ideal place to have a corn roast, especially when showers were threatening.

There was an ample supply of corn, hot dogs, tea and coffee for every one. It was a wonderful opportunity for all to meet and get acquainted. Every one, I'm sure, appreciated this friendly gesture shown by the Sandersons. All had a grand time, especially the youngsters.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Percy White from our Community but wish them well in their new home. At the same time, we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson from Acton, who we understand have bought the White house and property at Silver Creek.

Erin's 1976 Fall Fair Queen participation. Sunday evening we were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bonnel and family in their lovely new home on Wanless Ave. They were interested in hearing news of this area and send greetings to all their old friends and neighbors at Churchill.

Vacation Bible School is being held this week at Beth-El Christian Reformed Church. Pictures and story next week.

Lorraine Burt of Ballinafad, will be among the 80 or so more Fall Fair Queens from the province who are guests of the Toronto Exhibition and will be competing for the title to be Miss C.N.E. of 1977. It takes place on opening day Wednesday, August 17.

Many Eighth Line residents were annoyed on Saturday morning to find out that their mail boxes had been wilfully knocked off the post. Some were left hanging, but others completely off and found in the ditch. Too bad, whoever is guilty of this offense could not use their energy for something of a constructive nature instead of wilfully destroying other people's property.

There was a fair attendance out to church on Sunday to hear the guest speaker, Rev. Tom Brelsford of Georgetown, who delivered a most inspiring sermon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr provided music for the service. Among the visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Chuck Beaton of Acton.

About 15 years ago the Beatons were residents of

Ballinafad as Mr. Beaton was a former pastor in charge here. They renewed acquaintances with many of their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Swann of St. Catharines visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith on Sunday.

The play schools for the area wound up the summer activities with a carnival last week. It started off with a parade in Acton. There were four floats. Ballinafad's entry was "The Ballinafad Wedding Party". Their float was decorated with masses of paper flowers made by the children. Lorne Buckrell was the officiating clergyman. Susan O'Connor, the bride, and Shawn McCutcheon the groom. Other children who were their attendants all carried flowers. The Robert Little school of Acton received the prize for best float.

Friends and family of Morgan Madill are pleased to know that although still confined to hospital, he is much improved and out of intensive care.

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Ospringle

Don't endanger lives of others

by Doris Flies
Taking a chance on sounding like a complainer, I must speak out before someone gets seriously injured. If the parties concerned want to play on the roof of the school and climb the TV aerial jeopardizing their own lives, having been duly warned, so be it, but when they endanger the lives of some innocent young people, like taking the heavy cement lid off the well, so any little tykes playing in the school yard could fall in, then I would say it's a matter for the police to handle. Such goings-on is a disgrace to the young people of the community, because any one could be a suspect until the guilty ones are caught.

House for hired help

The town of Halton Hills has no objection to McNair Mushroom Products building an additional house for hired help, and will so inform the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Downy at Bolton. Mrs. Downy was the mother of their daughter-in-law Mrs. Robert Howes, and lived near Inglewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Clarke spent last Sunday at Sauble Beach visiting with Barry's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Vic Greygoose, and Mrs. Clarke's sister Ann Wylie.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy on the arrival of their wee son, Gary George, on Thursday July 28, a baby brother for Dougie, Debbie and Tommy.

Anyone wanting corn for a corn roast, or just plain delicious eating at the dinner table, rolling in butter, hasn't far to look these days. Roadside stands are popping up here and there, laden with produce fresh from the field.

Ebenezer

by Mrs. Ron McLean
Laurie Early flies to Calgary on Saturday, as one of 80 youth guests to General Council.

Where's Tom?

A letter to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority from Halton Hills concerning Terra Cotta pool rates and signed by Mayor Tom Hill evoked comment from Chairman Grant Clarkson.

"This is signed by Tom Hill - that's the only thing we've seen of Tom for a long time." Mayor Hill is an Authority member and has not attended meetings since early in the new year.

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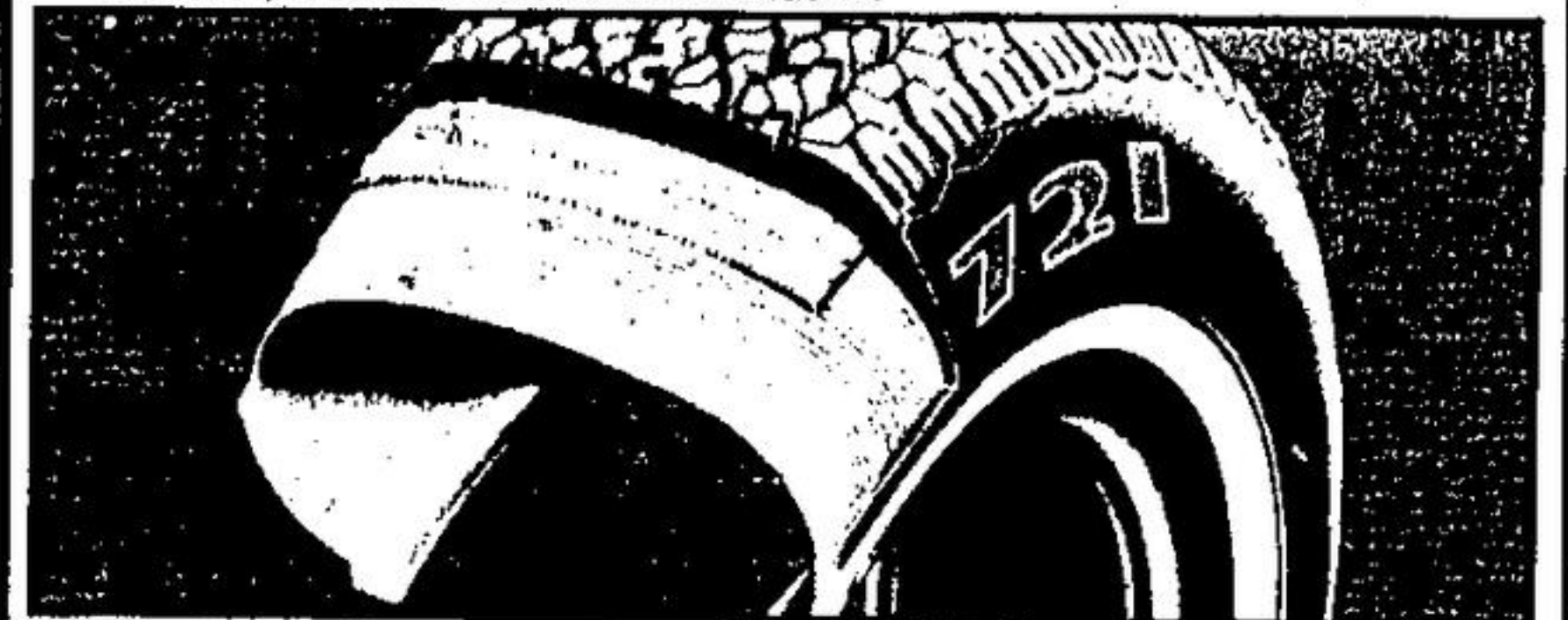
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