## Only happy memories remain of year in Canada

now, the Gregory family will be on their way home to Australia after a fantastic whirlwind stay in Canada.

The family came from "down under" last Christmas as part of a teacher exchange program. Bruce Gregory traded jobs and home with Jim McCulloch, R.R. 3, Acton. While Mr. Gregory was to teach deaf children at E. C. Drury School in Milton, Mr. Mr. McCullouch was to teach in a boys' school in New South Wales.

Mr. Gregory and his family, wife Judy, son Paul and daughter Melissa arrived at their country home on New Year's Eve. They had spent a week with Mr. Gregory's brother in Los Angeles before heading north to their new

In the year they have been here, the Gregory's have taken full advantage of the time. During the summer holidays, they headed east for

five weeks going through Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachussets, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut. They spent five days in Boston, three in Cape Cod, and a few days in New York City, where they went to a Broadway show.

After a week to rest up, the family left home to travel in the other direction for three more weeks. They drove west to British Columbia, and visited Montana, Wyoming, Yellowstone Park, South Dakota, Mount Rushmore, the badlands, Mitchell, South Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Altogether they travelled 12,000 miles in McCullouchs' car. Even though they spent "a fortune" in gas over the two months, they saved a lot of money by using the McCullo chs' travel trailer also.

Nashville, Tennessee was the destination on their last holiday at Thanksgiving. The family had, the previous week spent their first Thanksgiving at a friend's cottage on Georgian Bay. Because there is no

Thanksgiving holiday back home, the entire tradition was new and exciting to them. Mrs. Gregory was so impressed with the meaning of the day, she said the family has decided to carry on the event once they return home. She explained that each year, when Canadians are celebrating Thanksgiving, they will in a small way be thankful for what they have, and also remember their friends in Canada.

Father's Day, which is In June here and September in buy at home. It would be Australia, was celebrated by the Gregorys on the Canadian day. However, when Fathers' Day at home rolled around, Mrs. Gregory said, naturally there were no cards in the

stores, nor advertisements in fortune to ship it. any of the media, and as a result, she forgot all about it. As a result, there are two grandfathers in Australia who did not get Father's Day greetings this year.

One question in Mrs. Gregory's mind now is how to get the accumulation of more than 12,000 miles of travel and one year of memories into a few suitcases.

At the Acton fall fair, she won a giant stuffed polar bear for Melissa. The thought of leaving the beast behind is too much for the young girl, and ways and means of getting it home are being thought of. Mrs. Gregory has called the airline and was informed it would cost \$52 to take it on the airplane. It only costs \$35 to possible to keep it on their laps the entire way back, but at 24 hours flying time, and a three day train ride to get to Vancouver, it would be too

much to handle. It also costs a

take the stuffing out.

The bear is not the only will be selling one, and will have to carry an unassembled bike all the way home.

The family leaves by train for Vancouver on December 19. There they will catch a there, travel home. When evening of Christmas Daysummer holidays.

the middle of their summer, arriving here in the winter. cold, they found themselves actually are more learned in hot weather again. When from their experiences.

beginning of winter here, they She is currently looking for will find themselves in a good seam to rip open to summer again three summers in one year!

This has played havoc with thing causing problems. For the children's schooling his birthday, Paul received a however. At home, Melissa ten speed blcycle. He also was preparing to enter grade won one by selling chocolate three, and Paul, grade seven. bars for Erin High School. He A lot of hard work and studying saw it possible for the youngsters to enter their grades here in Canada, although they were four months behind. When they return to school at home in plane to Hawali, and from February, they will be in grades four and eight, the they arrive, it will be late same as in Ospringe school. However, classes will just be right in the middle of the beginning, and they will have to sit through the first part For anyone with a penchant again. This means they will for summer, the situation was have a complete school year ideal. The family left home in in Australia in those grades, plus half a year in Canada. In the end however, they did not After a few months of the lose any school time, and

leave behind the The family has seen more

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of the North American concent, they feel. Mr. Gregory faced a great tinent than most who spend their entire life here. The only part they did not explore was

challenge when he accepted the position at the school for Gregory does not know how down in the Florida area, the deaf. He had to learn sign her family can ever thank language, and get adjusted to everyone for making their mainly because they have very similar beaches at the entire situation. All felt pangs of home- everyone's thoughtfulness home, and they dld not want spend time seeing

sickness, but no one more and consideration, they are than Mellssa. Living in the country, she was not able to of the past year. make any close friends like the ones at home. Add to that return home, they look ahead an almost constant cold, and anyone would want to go foresee a return visit.

says Mrs. Gregory, they are like to live here permanently. going to miss the huge house she says, another year or two they had become accustomed in Acton and area would have to. They are also going to been just fine.

carry large loads of canvas

and many of his field sketches

paintings. These field sket-

ches, actually, his trial runs

for colour and form now

work and they stand

his reputation. This is a book

miss their many friends and neighbors of whom they have become very fond. Mrs. stay so enjoyable. Because of able to have happy memories

Now they are packing to to the future, and hopefully Although there is no place When they do leave though, like home, and they would not

## Acton library looseleaf

Library this week will see a special display of recent donations.

something they could see at

been an expensive one in

regards to airfare, high cost

of living, (Mr. Gregory's

wages were sent to him from

Australia), plus the usual

expenditures while on a trip,

it was a year the family will

never regret doing. The

experience was worth every

Even though the year has

The inimitable Charlie canoe and portage, Tom Brown and Co. have always done more than their bit for literary excellence. The Charlie Brown Dictionary is were never transferred to no exception. This is not a standard finished landscape new book but when the library's dog-eared copy finally disintegrated completely the "Acton Ladies supply the largest body of his Bowling League" leapt into the breach to provide a brilliantly as the mainstay of replacement and we're now back in business with a sparkling fresh compendium of definitions according to Snoopy and friends.

Acton Women's Institute and the Library have been friends for years and as yet another of their many gestures of friendship the ladies of the institute this year presented two books to the library. The first is a heavily detailed and illustrated biography of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth by Frances Donaldson which traces their lives from family background and birth through their joint reign and follows the Queen Mother to the present with her unflagging joy in life. The second book comes a little closer to home with a collection of traditional handed down "receipts" through the generations and published in an attractive book called The Old Ontario Cookbook. Author Muriel Breckenridge's fascination with old family recipes has resulted in a thoroughly résearched well tested. 10 wholesome, springs from the pioneer traditions of Ontario. The print in this book is particularly clear and large enough for easy use, and in addition metric equivalent measurements have been

given. commemorate Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Lakeside chapter of the IODE has given the library a remarkable book entitled People of the Willow: The Padlimiut Tribe of the Caribon Eskimo, by Winifred Petchey Marsh. In 1933 Mrs. Marsh arrived at Eskimo Point as the bride of Anglican missionary David Marsh. A highly trained artist, she gradually overcame her own hesitancy and began to record the landscape and life of this fascinating, alien and vanished society. Rendered in watercolour with all the luminosity and subtle shading one expects of that medium the pictures also startle with their almost photographic clarity and the brilliance of colour that leaps out of the subtleties. This is a book to browse over, to steep in, to let the great sweep of the artic take over, and paradoxically, it is a book to pore over, treasuring the minute details and exquisite

flashes of truth. Tom Thompson; the stlence and the storm is obviously the Canadian art book of the season. Thanks to Mr. John Mowat the Acton Library will have a copy dedicated to the memory of his mother Ann Mowat as thanks for the hours of pleasure she found in books. This particular book provide years of pleasure. For anyone who has somehow managed to avoid the legendary art of the man who paved the way for the Group of Seven-this book will destroy all resistance. It literally explodes with colour. famous Algonquin scenes, so hackneyed and copied and endlessly badly reproduced are presented as though still wet from the artist's brush.

Interestingly, many are energy restrictions, the neat reproduced life size-in their of the colour will make fires original small scale. Working and light unnecessory. in the bush, travelling by Thompson could not afford to

donations: the Library staff would like to thank, the Bonnette family of Acton for the multitude of books they have given us over the years. The list of titles is, truthfully, too long to publish and a display of their gifts would fill several shelves. The people of Acton have been enriched in a wide range of subjects by these generous people. Thank

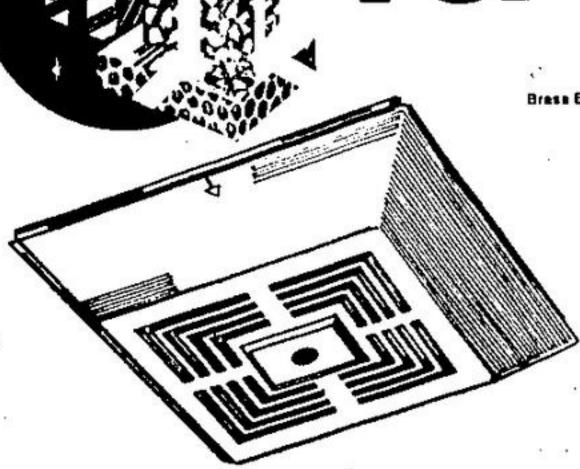


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IN A businesslike encounter, David Markham and Santa talk over Dec. 25's possibilities.

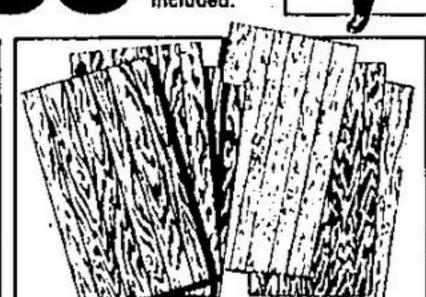




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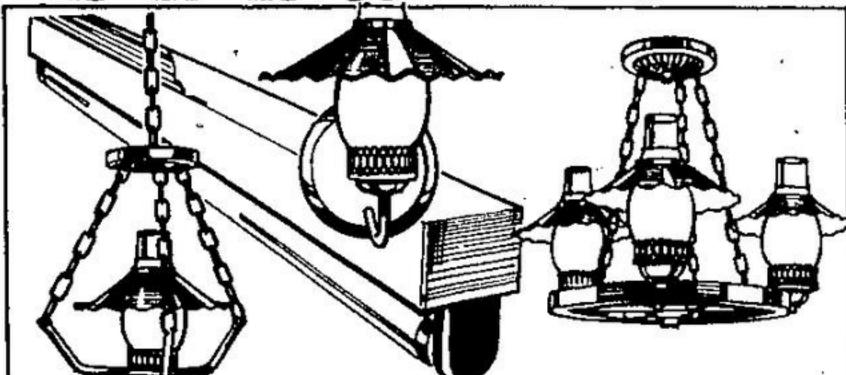
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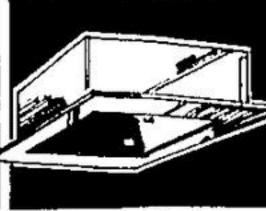
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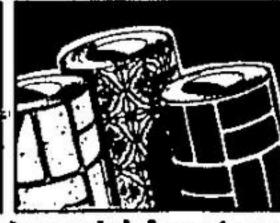
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