

Country music family visiting relatives here

A family country music group from Michigan, Fiddlen Jamie and the Country D's, were back in Acton last week visiting relatives and telling about their recent happy experiences in the entertainment and recording business. On Saturday they headed up to Shelburne for the fiddlers' contest but on Sunday they were due home to play three engagements.

This travelling family includes former Acton resident Jim Dennis, his wife Dorothy and their lively son Jamie, 12. They live in Cement City, Michigan, but travel everywhere in a special van that bears their musical name. Along with them goes their little dog Toby.

Jim grew up in Acton and took his first few music lessons here from Ed Watson.

As a teenager he moved to Guelph and there he began to play regularly at about the age of 20. His teacher there was Art Hall, and when the family visited Art in his store last week, they were given beautifully carved leather belt buckles with their initials on them as a gift.

Jim and Dorothy met in Canada, but they have lived in the States the past 20 years. While in Acton, they have been visiting his mother Mrs. Ethel Dennis, brother Bob Dennis and sister Betty Mitchell.

They also worked in visits to Dorothy's sisters Hazel Giesler in Guelph and Connie Giesler in Kitchener (they married brothers); her brothers Alex and James Devine in Guelph and Arnold and David Devine in Hespeler; and her son Melvin

Jenkins in Hamilton. Jamie faced stiff competition in Shelburne Saturday. There were 12 entries in the international 12 and under category, and he placed second. In first place was Danny Kelly from Pennsylvania.

Jamie started playing the fiddle when he was four, and first played in public at the ripe old age of five. He plays nine instruments, all by ear. His mother recalls that at the age of three his foot was always tapping in time to music. He said even then that he was going to play the fiddle. The fine old instrument he takes everywhere with him is much treasured. Yet they paid just \$15 for it in a junk store.

The family group plays engagements regularly. Jim is retired now, making

travelling easier. Dorothy makes their matching outfits. In June they cut their first record. On one side is Jamie's most requested number Orange Blossom Special. Records have been left here with relatives and friends and are sold at their shops.

Dorothy plays the mandolin and bass. Jim plays the guitar. Jamie not only plays the fiddle but lead guitar, mandolin, bass, Jew's harp, five string bango and tenor banjo.

Fans say talented Jamie makes his fiddle talk! He's in the seventh grade at Columbia Junior high school and gets his school work done before he practises two or three hours a night.

During the school year, most of their shows are on weekends. Earlier this year they went to Nashville for Fun Fare, an annual performance where country music fans can meet their favorite stars. Expecting to play once, they were invited to play a second and third time.

While there, they taped two television shows with Jimmy



ON THEIR way to the old time fiddlers' contest at Shelburne Friday, Fiddlen Jamie and his parents, the Country D's, stopped to say "hello" at the Free Press office. Jamie's parents, Jim and Dorothy, both have relatives in this area and they're often up from Michigan visiting.

Gayana Fashions has styles, prices for all

Women were made to be beautiful and must highlight their femininity, says Phyllis Jameson, new owner of Gayna Fashions on Main St. S.

"The Acton women must learn to appreciate themselves and realize their beauty," Mrs. Jameson says. She is a fashion designer and co-ordinator who has recently moved to the Rockwood area from Weston.

Gayna Fashions, named after her eldest daughter, features clothes for all sizes from petite to the full figured woman. Prices are reasonable, starting as low as \$35 for a dress. Many of the long gowns were designed by Mrs. Jameson herself, she says.

Mrs. Jameson owned her own store in Weston for seven years where she had as her clientele doctors, lawyers, presidents of companies and other distinguished people.

She has an impressive resume to her credit, including winning two awards for her designs, fashion shows in the Royal York and Beverley Hills Hotels in Toronto and in New York City, and a television show with Pamela Mason The Do's and Don'ts for Women of All Ages.

"Women do not have to pay exorbitant prices to look beautiful", Mrs. Jameson noted.

The new store keeper explained she likes to keep track of her customers and their wardrobe. "I don't believe in dresses that will just hang in the closet," she said stating that the best form of advertising is word of mouth and to get this, her customers

must be wearing clothes purchased from her.

Femininity is a dying art, Mrs. Jameson says. She pointed out men are wearing earrings because women aren't, and men are wearing their hair long because women are cutting their's. "Women must become more feminine."

"My customers are not having an ordinary sales clerk waiting on them. I am an experienced fashion designer and co-ordinator, and they should take advantage of this fact."

No one is too large or too small for Mrs. Jameson. She has designs to complement even the chubbiest of women or the tiniest. She wants to help her customers.

Two seamstresses work for Mrs. Jameson. With her designing talents, she is able to offer a long sleeve blouse with short sleeves if the customers prefer.

Gayna Fashions will be in charge of a fashion show at the Acton Fall Fair next month, with local women modelling the clothes which can be bought in the store. Mrs. Jameson will do all her own commenting.

Husband Don Jameson works for the Ministry of Labor as an Industrial Health and Safety Engineer for Ontario. Son Malcolm is a Mormon missionary in Paris, France, daughter Donnalee, of the United States is married, and daughter Gayna lives in Hamilton.



PHYLLIS DOREEN JAMESON has recently opened up Gayna Fashions on Main St. She has designed many of the dresses in the store, including this black and silver gown.

Dickens for local audiences. Late in June Fiddlen Jamie competed in the Blue Grass festival and fiddle contest at Portland, where he placed third behind two long-time professionals.

Jamie likes to water ski and swim, and they live very near to a lake. He's also active with his local 4-H talent club. And he's a model train fan, with his own set up.

But he thinks likely he'll stay in the music field, despite other interests.

Photo ident corrected

Last week's Free Press carried a class photo dating from 1925 and one of our readers drew our attention to an error in identification.

In the last row of children the girl fourth from the left is named Viola Allan, not Viola McCaig. The photo was loaned to the Free Press by Mrs. A. I. Perryman.

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The days of eight or ten parties on one telephone line are almost over in the Guelph exchange. W.C. Salmon local Bell Canada manager said today.

A four-year \$600 million program is now underway throughout Bell Canada territory to introduce a four-party maximum on rural lines. Conversion to the improved service in the Guelph exchange is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1978. Mr. Salmon said. Multi-party customers will have a basic rate increase while one and two-party customers outside the built-up area will have mileage charges increased.

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12 NOON Grand Opening on the stage in front of Richardson's by Mayor, M.P.P. and Chairman of Board of Management. Launching 100 helium balloons.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. CHWV 108 Radio broadcast from the front door of the former Milton Department Store.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Blue Grass Music on stage by the One Eyed Jacks.

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Clown Band on stage and street

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Night Wind Band on stage, soft rock music

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18th

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Train rides around downtown Main Street, Charles, Mary and Brown Streets. Round trip a dime

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Stores and on street displays

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. CHWV 1250 Broadcasts from stores.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Barber shop quartet on stage

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Senior Citizens Orchestra on stage

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Flea Market at the old fire hall and garage

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th

7 a.m. - 12 noon Farmers' Market on Mary and Hugh Street parking lot.

7 a.m. - 1 p.m. CHWV 1250 Radio Broadcast from in front of the former Milton Department store running their own activities

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Train rides around downtown and to the fairgrounds for the Optimist Club Rod Show after 11 a.m.

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Stores and on street displays and demonstrations.

2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Talent Show on stage, featuring local talent acts

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Flea Market at the old fire hall and garage

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Picture Subject — a scene, children, animals, building, flowers, etc. of general interest, taken within 15 miles of Acton.

Three entries per person permitted (children's entries welcome).
Colour photographs judged separately from black and white.

Negatives would be appreciated if possible
so pictures may be enlarged for display.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY, SEPT. 8th
First prizes \$5, three honorable mentions at \$2.50 each,
up to 10 awards of \$1 each in each category, colour and black and white.