



Charles and Lillian Thomson, Westcott Rd., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 5. The couple is well known in the area. Mr. Thomson is a former councillor and deputy reeve of Nassagaweya township and his wife is a life member of the Dublin Women's Institute.

Thomsons celebrate 50th

It's been a busy 50 years for Charles and Lillian Thomson, but now that they have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, they are taking life slow, basking in the relaxation they deserve.

The couple were married on January 5, 1929, in Milton. Their honeymoon was spent setting up their farm in Caledon where they stayed for a few years before going to Nassagaweya. During the 22 years they lived there, Mr. Thomson sat on township council for ten years, both as a councillor and deputy reeve.

When they left Nassagaweya, they went to Grey county for five years, owning "a couple of farms" in that time. In 1966 the couple came to Acton, but soon moved to a farm near Arthur. By 1968, they found themselves back in Acton, where they lived for three years until they moved back to Grey County. They retired to Acton in 1977.

In spite of all their hard work on all their farms,

they managed to raise a family, who were on hand for a quiet family dinner Friday evening, at the Slierhof Tavern in Guelph. Sons Mervin, Milton; Douglas, Fifth line, Milton; Donald, Mount Forest; and daughters Barbara Wilson, Fourth line, Milton; Joyce Diamond, Guelph; and Carol Graham, Kennelworth, and Mrs. Thomson's sister Beatrice Hallyard, Bramalea, all enjoyed the evening out. The couple also has 23 grandchildren.

Halton Hills Mayor Pete Pomeroy dropped by the anniversary home on Friday morning to present the couple with a plaque commemorating the occasion. Flowers were also delivered from regional councillor Ed Wood.

Other special greetings were received from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Ontario Premier William Davis, and Halton M. P. Frank Philbrook. A second bouquet of flowers was received from the Dublin Women's Institute, of which Mrs. Thomson is a life member.



Eggad! This is the day eggs become eggstroverts and stand erect. This eggstraordinary event is supposed to happen only on January 10.

The egg has its day

Today, January 10, is the day the lowly egg comes into its own, and becomes eggo-centric.

One weird theory claims it is the tilt of the earth's eggx on this one day of the year that makes the egg stand up for itself.

Egghead scientists have termed this theory "poultry" and claim instead it is the desire of

the egg to become the social equal of man, which they describe as eggalitarianism.

There is no reason the egg should not have its day, without poaching on another special day. For eggxotic reasons, uneggxplainable to most of us, it happens only on January 10. . . Pity isn't it.

Hard-boiled skeptics

may claim the feat could be accomplished any time, but let them try it. They may wind up with egg on their face, and be too chicken to admit it.

Since there seems to be no eggxplanation of this great eggxperiment, nor any clue to where the idea was hatched, perhaps it's time the egg came out of its shell, and cracked the case.

St. Alban's

John Last is honored Sunday

On December 10 at the 10.30 service of St. Alban's Anglican church, The Christmas Story was enacted by the children of the Church School under the direction of their teachers with the rector, the Rev. L. Ewing, as narrator.

On December 17 the following children were welcomed into the parish family at a service of Holy Baptism: Lisa Ann Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, R.R. 4, Acton, godparents were Gary Fisher, Barbara Harnden and Elizabeth McDowell; Catherine Jane Molnar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Molnar, R. R. 3, Acton, Godparents were Dr. Elaine Mitchell and James Askin; Hether Anne Trotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Trot-

ter of Acton, godparents were her parents; Pamela Suzanne Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitten, Acton, godparents were Beverley Frolic and Ronald Frolic; Darren Andrew Whitten, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitten, Acton, godparents were Beverley Frolic and Ronald Frolic; Garrett Grant Meadus, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Meadus of Acton, godparents were Frank Bennett, Mary Bennett and Lloyd Bennett.

Mr. Last resigned January 7 was the date of St. Alban's annual Epiphany Party and White Gift Sunday. Children of the church school joined parents and the rest of the congregation in the church for the 10.30 service when gifts of food for the needy were offered. This was followed by a film "The Christmas Story" shown in the parish hall, after which presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. John Last in appreciation of their many years of service to St. Alban's Church.

Mr. Last resigned January 7 was the date of St. Alban's annual Epiphany Party and White

he had held for many years, when he and his wife moved to Guelph. The party concluded with lunch and the children received gifts of fruit and candy from the Three Wise Men.

Rothsay is in Scotland

An irate Scotsman visited The Acton Free Press this week to point out what he considered an "enormous" error in last week's paper.

In the 50th wedding anniversary story of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Williams, on the front page, it was mentioned the couple spent their honeymoon at the seaside resort of Rossi. The Free Press visitor claims it should have read Rothsay. He says he is an authority on the spelling because he was born there.

To the residents of Rothsay in Scotland, we extend our apologies.

Display

A display window near the Book Store at the high school is being rented out to various downtown merchants, according to teacher Boris Shean.

Mr. Shean noted that so far, only one merchant has come forward wishing the space.

World trotting farmers—what a life!

The most common complaint of most farmers—after the weather and the government—is the lack of holidays they are free to take. I'm in complete sympathy having been a pseudo-farmer for 15 years and able to take precious few days off.

Even the younger generation, brought up in the travelling '60s when teenagers took off around the world with a backpack and the drop of a hat, have to settle down when they elect to take up farming. Land and stock take too many hours care to leave for long.

However, it was with delight that I met Neal and Pat in Jamaica (my only real holiday to date).

These young Canadians from the west were hard-working enthusiastic farmers, enterprising entrepreneurs, yet they took the chance to spend the winters travelling the world.

This year they were 'doing' the Caribbean, and sections of South America, having left home in late November and not being expected back until March.

Neal Strouger, a charming Alberta grain farmer, farmed two and three-quarter sections with his father, cropping and producing hay. The summer work is long, hard, dirty and dusty, but Neal would rather work all hours God sends in good weather in order to travel the rest of the year.

Pat Vicars, a wicked young British Columbian, was on his way to becoming a millionaire—if not in money, then certainly in experience. He had been raised on a farm and wanted to get back into hay cropping. At the time we met him, he owned land



and drove truck to provide himself with his farming stake. He also worked hard and had a solid goal but managed to travel every year with Neal.

When in doubt, act stupid. Running on a shoestring budget, weighted down by backpacks, these lads had travelled southern Europe, Northern Africa, the Canary Islands and had even spent three days crossing the Sahara.

They spoke a little French, Spanish, and Arabic—just enough to get them in trouble. Although they both commented people all over the

world were usually nice enough to slow down and talk.

When they did run afoul of laws or regulations, they found "playing stupid" was the wisest thing to do. Neal said he liked to go places where English wasn't spoken—Pat liked to go anywhere.

"We get along better with each other than we ever did with our girlfriends," commented Pat.

Both young men were heading for Hawaii after South America to build a house before coming home.

But farming and Canada were their main loves and they were enthusiastic about the possibilities for young people to get into farming these days. Neal did concede it was "pretty tough" and although there was government assistance available, "Pierre has too many programs" to allow full concentration in the farming area.

However, Neal and Pat are living proof a young man can have his cake and eat it too, if he's willing to work hard.

World-trotting farmers—what a way to live!

Set up committee

A special four man committee, comprising Councillors Harry Levy, Ross Knechtel, George Maltby, and John McDonald, will review the '79 operating budget and the capital forecast budget for 1980 to '83.

A suggestion by Mayor Peter Pomeroy that the same committee review the 1980 budget was shot down by councillors who contended it would then become another standing committee.

Pomeroy pointed out no decisions would be made until the suggested budget was brought to

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