

Acton library looseleaf



by Esther Taylor

You don't have to be a monarchist to appreciate Royal Family Album, a spring arrival at the library. Professional critics would likely term this a coffee-table book, and they would be partially right. But it's more than that. Royal Family Album is a book to enjoy at leisure, whether your interest is the British monarchy—or top-rate photography. Produced by Ted Smart and David Gibbon, with introductory text by Don Coolican, this 319-page album is a joy to peruse and discuss. It is guaranteed to invoke nostalgia, and remember-when exchanges, as the editors have included familiar early pictures of Queen Elizabeth as infant and toddler, of the gracious Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

Aside from the photography which is superb (by Baron, Beaton, Grugeon, Hustler, Karsh, Lemolne, Lichfield, Parkinson, Snowdon and Wilding) Coolican's text is a delight in itself. Without upstaging the camera experts, he sketches vivid word pictures of the Queen, Prince Philip and their family. The reader learns for example, that Prince Charles, although very close to his father is "more gentle of character", and the son "will never match his father's achievements on the polo field, because he is too kind to his horses."

Unabashed monarchists—and there are still many in Canada and this North Hallow town despite the claims of cynics and down-pouters—will revel in the 14 chapters of Royal Family Album, starting with the Early Years and continuing into the Silver Jubilee year. This is a book to make one prouder of belonging to the British Commonwealth.

To quote one enthusiast: "Let the bad-mouthers whine and rave to their heart's content, we in the Commonwealth are lucky in our Queen. Elizabeth, Prince Philip and the Royal family do us proud!"

Another (staff) reader confessed she was torn between admiration and envy by the photography. She recalled with a wry (wink): "The only time I had a chance to photograph the Queen was when she visited Guelph. I was primed for the great day with a new yellow dress, a pass from my paper, and high expectations. What happened? Every time I got within shooting distance of her Majesty, my right hand and arm swept up in rhythm with my mad cheers. When I should have been clicking like a dedicated shutter bug, I was roaring and waving like a happy fender. For a monarchist, it was a tremendous day. From a photographer's point of view, it was an operation in futility!"

Spring reading
Another book for leisurely enjoyment is Edwin Teale's A Walk Through The Year. For those who are looking for something different and heartening, this is recommended reading especially in the spring. The Pulitzer prize-winning nature author shares his New England experiences, day by day, beginning in March on the first official day of spring. Teale might have been writing of Ontario

when he noted in his opening paragraph: "In our latitude the first day of spring is only occasionally a spring day. The calendar spring, the astronomical spring of the vernal equinox may arrive under sullen skies with cold rain, or with a blizzard hurling its snow from the north."

This year around Acton, March 21 was made, to order, as it was in Teale's opener. However, old Ma Nature being a malignant, grudging crone, we paid for her largess in April. Better we should suffer in April—than May. Walking through the year with Teale, Ontarians should feel right at home.

Definitely not a book to read piecemeal is Frank Spiering's Prince Jack. Once started, it's hard to put down. Who was Jack the Ripper? Crime researchers and writers are still pondering the identity of the White-chapel murderer. Latest in the library's Ripper books is this scary reconstruction of the slayings that shocked Victorian London. Spiering does not hedge; his Ripper is Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, 1864-1892, heir to the throne of England. He makes a strong and compelling case against Prince Jack, including the Duke's death reportedly from influenza, and the death of his lover James Stephens from starvation in an insane asylum. Readers need not be overawed with imagination to draw the conclusion that both unhappy men might have been helped out of this vale to tears.

Books in ducks?
Library nature notes: a pair of Mallards have taken over the upper waters of the school creek by the rustic bridge. Mom Mallard will likely nest near the library if she can find a secluded spot. Little white Donald who shared the favors of a duck with another drake last spring has disappeared. Staffers hope that Donald, having survived two bitter winters, is alive and enjoying spring in more remote waters—perhaps near the Breezes.

Do birds indulge in profanity? The day of the April snow storm, and for several days after, outraged robins were belting out protests that sounded for all the world like shocking language. And who could fault them? Fluffed up three times normal size they merely echoed but more musically what a lot of humans were saying.

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Obituary

Harry Hortop dies at 73

A third generation flour miller, Harry Benham Hortop died April 14 in Guelph General Hospital.

Mr. Hortop was born September 19, 1905 in Everton, where he spent his entire life. In 1870, his grandfather, Henry Hortop purchased Hortop's mill. His father, William Henry Hortop, ran the business, until Mr. Hortop himself took over. He retired in 1966 when he

4-H Calf Club has first official meeting

Thursday, April 12, the Acton 4-H Calf Club held its first official meeting of 1979. Club members gathered at Wallace Lasby's, then proceeded on to the Ontario Veterinary College. At the O.V.C. Dr. Curtis began a detailed tour of the large animal admission barns. While on the tour the members had the opportunity to see the holding pens for the sick animals and an actual operation on a 17-hour-old foal.

After the tour Stephen Lasby thanked Dr. Curtis on behalf of the Club. President Marie Murray called the meeting to

Pamela Reid to do twp inventory

An inventory of historic Eramosa township properties should be ready for the Local Advisory Committee for Architectural Conservancy by the end of August, 1979.

Council hired Pamela Reid to photograph, search the titles and research information on local historic sites—a 16 week project.

Volunteer LACAC members have previously compiled such information.

Meeting, games fill day

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Hearing rescheduled

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing dealing with amending the zoning by-law has been set for June 4, 10.30 a.m., Rockness Community Centre.

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him. Also left to mourn his loss are two daughters, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Fred Perkins), Kincaird, and Nancy, (Mrs. Paul Reeve), Burlington, one sister, Muriel (Mrs. R.L. Palframan), Guelph, and three granddaughters. He was predeceased by a brother, Clarence Weir Hortop.

Funeral service was held April 16 at the Shoemaker Funeral Home with the Rev. D. Whitehead officiating. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Sandy McPhedran, James Hume, Robert Justin, Charles Benham, Ed Barden and Robert Dreier.

Holly distributed record books, to both senior and junior members. The Club discussed the books. It was then decided that the next lesson would be on Special Management Practices and Disease Prevention in beef and dairy cattle. The May meeting was planned, and discussed. It is to be held at Scotsdale farm.

Ospringle

Parents visit classes today

by Doris Flies

This is Education Week and Open House was held at Ospringle school on Tuesday evening. A short entertainment was presented in the gym which was followed by the usual visits to the classrooms, giving the parents a chance to see the work the pupils have been doing.

Parents are invited to attend school classes on Wednesday and Thursday from morning recess to afternoon recess to view first-hand how the lessons are being taught. The principals of Erin Area 1 and Eramosa schools were guests of Rockwood school principal, Grant McCrae, last Wednesday.

Bruce and Anne Smith spent the Easter weekend visiting Bruce's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and family in London. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce visited on Sunday with Ward and

Byron's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kerrigan and two sons at Camlachie. Many slices of juicy beef and home baked pies, and all the rest that makes up a delicious dinner, were steadily consumed Saturday evening

at Knox church as about 350 people sat down to the bountiful repast in the church basement. The

men as well as the ladies pitched in as usual to keep things running smoothly.

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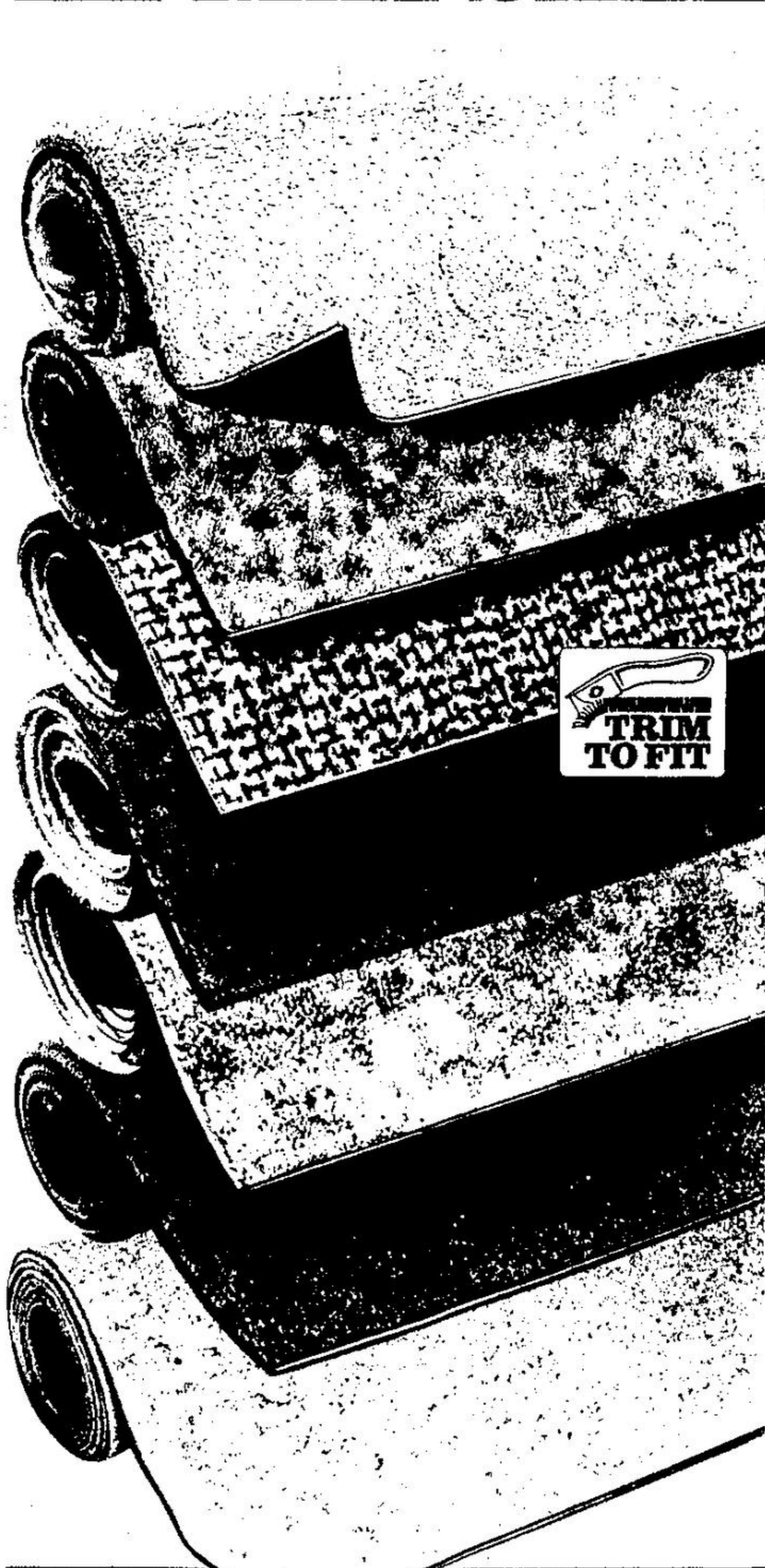
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E. Here's carpeting with a textured look that will look great in any room! Nylon cut and loop pile. Colors: beige, gold, rust, blue, caramel or dark brown. About 12' wide.

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B. Long-wearing, attractive 100% nylon carpeting with vibrant tone-on-tone shading. Saxony pile is easy to clean and non-allergenic. Colors: camel (light brown), ochre (deep beige), copper (rust), blue, green, light chocolate or sand ripples (sand/grey). About 12' wide.

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May Sale, square yard
11.16

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