

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



One such course Mrs. Beatty took was in the enamelling of jewelry. She now has a small kiln in her basement and club members gather to fire their creations.

No two designs come out the same because of the nature of the enamelling process. Powder is carefully shaken and arranged in color design before firing at high temperature. Sometimes the enamel runs creating an interesting but quite different design to the one planned.

Besides the enamelling, Mrs. Beatty works with silver, copper, cadmium, polished stones, and some gold.

"We plan to have another course in gold (jewelry) soon - if we can afford it," she grins.

Weaves son's coats
Nellie Beatty is also an accomplished weaver, guiding light in the Georgetown Weavers, and owner of a large 45-inch loom. Most weavers are delighted when they can produce placemats or a dresser runner, but Mrs. Beatty made fabric for sports jackets for her sons and husband.

The Beattys have lived in Acton for better than 40 years, 38 of them in the original H.P. Moore residence (early publisher of this paper). Her husband, Wes, retired as president of Beardmore 11 years ago, and according to the pattern of our society, Mrs. Beatty should then have slipped into a life of dusting antiques and making little lunches. She is much too lively a person for that and fortunately for the appreciators of fine crafts, she is busier than ever creating things for the enjoyment of others.



Nellie Beatty and friend.

Arts and crafts have been the "in" thing for the past few years but Nellie Beatty of Acton has been involved with her own handicraft work for nearly 40 years. In fact she was one of the first members of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts Society when it started 37 years ago.

Mrs. Beatty is well known for her weaving, her beautiful silver and ceramic jewellery, her whimsical stuffed toys, but she goes down in my memory as one of the most charming ladies I've ever met.

It's a surprise to find out she's a great-grandmother (she doesn't fit the stereotype) with a line of three children, eight grandchildren and two-and-a-half great-grandchildren.

Never bored
"I never get bored", Mrs. Beatty comments. She lives one day at a time and lives it fully. How many of us have trouble following that advice?

At the recent Georgetown Arts and Crafts Fair, Mrs. Beatty had a well displayed table of stuffed toys featuring sock monkeys of classic pattern. Remember those grey and red sock monkeys from days gone by? Well, Mrs. Beatty still makes them but now she has to obtain the socks from the States. These little monkeys sell like hot cakes. No two are the same, they all have individual faces.

A buyer exclaims over the monkeys trying to choose between two. "My children had these (kind of monkeys)" chuckles Mrs. Beatty. "And now they're married." "The children or the monkeys?" queries the buyer. "Oh, the monkeys!" twinkles Mrs. Beatty.

Other animals are made from plush fur fabric and some are knitted. "The knitting takes the longest", she says, but the results are worth it—her knitted Raggedy Ann and Andy's are as popular as the monkeys.

Fine Jewellery sells well
However, Mrs. Beatty's jewellery, some of which was at the Fair, is what intrigues me the most. Intricate enamelled designs, lovely twisted silver crosses, dainty chains and vibrant colors make her jewellery unique. Her reasonable prices also ensure she doesn't keep much in stock for long.

Being a member of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Beatty has the opportunity to take many courses sponsored by the organization.

"It's a wide awake organization," she says, always offering something for the members. Mrs. Beatty is the social convener this year and has spent most of her 37 year membership on some committee or other.

Construction continues in spite of objections

Blow Press will be allowed to continue with expansion, in spite of complaints from a neighboring land owner.

Halton Hills Planning Board last week met with Ross Steckley, of Len Ariss and Company Ltd., agent for Blow Press. Mr. Steckley explained there is an existing access route between A.P. Green which both companies use. The present building line, Mr. Steckley said is 1.8 metres from the sideyard and Blow Press would like to continue back parallel with the existing building.

The construction has already begun because of the long time factor to get proper permission. Mr. Steckley admitted the owner was taking chances the committee would approve the plan.

Although no building permit had been issued, there had been no stop work order on the project.

Melvin Mitchell, a neighboring property owner, was concerned with the additional traffic on Perth St. He claimed the road is now being used to its full capacity. Mr. Steckley told Mr. Mitchell at the meeting there would be no added truck traffic, as the ad-

dition was due to larger presses being produced. Mr. Mitchell did not launch a formal objection, but did wonder what would have happened if he had have started construction on a garage without proper permission.

Planning board approved Blow Press' request. Halton Hills Monday evening also approved it.

Maplehurst on television

A series on the work done by inmates at Maplehurst Correctional Institution is now running on Channel 11, Monday

nights at 7 p.m. It shows outside jobs such as working on farms, and cleaning up the ice and mud in Glen

Williams last year. Some of the inmates take part in frank discussions with a moderator.

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Still waiting for first refugees

Acton is still waiting for its three "boat" families, refugees from Vietnam conflict. Government red tape is holding up applications. Georgetown welcomed its first family of refugees last week.

Acton Group One, a private organization formed in early August to sponsor one family has been waiting several weeks to hear when their family will be arriving. They raised the necessary \$2500 deposit required before application in a few weeks and have accommodation and supplies ready for the refugees they hope will come soon.

The Acton Clergy Group, second group to

form for refugee sponsorship, has raised \$5,000 in less than two months in order to sponsor two families. Two thousand dollars came from the congregation of Trinity United Church, the remainder from the other six contributing churches.

Application was made Friday by Pastor John Cooper, of the Christian Reformed Church, on behalf of the Clergy Group.

It may take a few weeks or many before the clergy families arrive depending on speed of

application processing. Housing is still a major need of the Clergy Group. A small apartment, rooms in private residence or house are required at nominal rent, or donated. Refugees are expected to be self sufficient in a few months so donated accommodation may only be for a short time.

Warehousing or storage space is also needed for donated furniture and goods. An easily accessible dry workshop, basement, or storeroom is required.

Favorable.

(Continued from Page 1) small business sector. Nineteen per cent indicated they observed such a decrease.

Should the Bank of Canada increase bank rates following the example of American banks? Forty-eight per cent indicated agreement and 52 per cent opposed.

Sixty-nine per cent indicated the Canadian dollar should be permitted to float. Twenty per cent stated it should be pegged to American currency while 11 per cent said the government should support the dollar.

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