

Library looseleaf

by Esther Taylor

Remember old Bannockburn school? Dublin, and Lorne and all the rest of the one-roomers on rural roads outside of Acton?

It dates you—but who cares—if you remember these schools or better yet, attended one of these outdated institutions of learning. If you only know of Lorne from hearsay, and find it difficult to imagine slogging two or three wintry miles to a little school warmed not always adequately by a voracious wood heater, you may still enjoy reading John C. Charyk's volume II of the Little White Schoolhouse subtitled Pulse of the Community.

Local readers will notice some differences, because Charyk's schoolhouse was set in Alberta where the kids caught gophers for a one cent bounty during noon hour and recess. However, there are more similarities than differences as prairie schools like their counterparts in Ontario were dedicated to teaching the three R's as economically as possible. By today's more opulent standards: on the cheap. Trustees of those rugged years would have howled Madness! at anyone predicting broadband, indoor washrooms and gyms for schools of the future.

A chapter on The Christmas Concert will ring bells for old and middle-aged Actonites. Locally, as in Alberta, Christmas concerts were unforgettable. It's a long time ago, but this ageing citizen can recall the exuberant overcrowding, the heat, and the excitement during entertainments that continued for hours, replete with paternal dressing gowns. The Yuletide season was not complete if one failed to attend a rural school wing-ding. Pulse of the Community is well-named and well worth reading, if only for an exercise in nostalgia.

In a world of catastrophes and alarms, and all manner of kinky, scary entertainment, a new truly humorous book is an event. Erma Bombeck is up to her laughable tricks again in Aunt Erma's Cope Book: How To Get from Monday to Friday in 12 Days. If the spate of self-improvement books, and how-to-manuals drives you bananas, Aunt Erma's Cope Book points the way to sanity.

Bombeck claims she waded through 60-odd books and articles on "how to deal with oneself." Having completed this punishment she reverted to being herself, realizing at last that something was missing—a sense of humor. The library has two of Bombeck's earlier books: The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank—paperback; If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing In The Pits?—hardcover.

Looking for an absorbing biography? Staff true-life addicts are happy to recommend Brando For Breakfast by Anna Kashfi Brando and E.P. Stein; and James Brough's Consuelo: Portrait of An American Heiress. Life with Brando drove his wife Anna "to seek solace in drink, drugs and madness." Consuelo Vanderbilt (1877-1964), heiress "to the largest personal fortune America has ever known" married Charles Richard Spencer Churchill, ninth Duke of Marlborough. It was a loveless match plotted by her ruthless mother, Alva, whose father-in-law, Billie inherited \$90,000,000 when old Corneel Vanderbilt reluctantly went to his heavenly reward. Another Brough biography in the library is the popular The Prince and the Lily.

Among fall non-fiction titles recently processed are: A Choice of Catastrophes, Isaac Asimov; Successful Children's Parties, Wolfsohn, Reeta Bochner; To The Red Plant, Eric Burgess; King's Landing, Country Life in Canada, Wayne Barrett; English Furniture 1800-1851, Edward T. Toy. Margaret Atwood's Life Before Man, a best-seller, tops the current crop of new fiction titles. Also on hand are: Sophie's Choice, William Styron; Needles, William Deverell; The Spring of the Tiger, Victoria Holt; Lions at Night, Richard Himmel; The Faces of Nemesis, Antony Ross-Melville; The Termination Order, Phil Friedman; Grave Error, Stephen Greenleaf.

In time for bazaarr and Christmas gifts, the popular magazine Crafts 'n Things carries tips on making felt bunnies and mice; wooden puzzles; a dollhouse quilt; and a macramé and lace hook combination labelled Owls in a Nest.

Seasonable, but horrifying if one happens to be anti-hunt and anti-trap, Maclean's cover story The Fall Kill contains some nightmarish statistics about the increase in Canadian hunters and the rise in hunting licences (by approximately 720,000 in the past two years). According to the article by Roy MacGregor, "six million or so living creatures of Canada will fall to the guns of autumn, 1979. Ten per cent of this country's population now engage in hunting, spending upward of \$500 million on equipment and transport.

Two or three times daily at this time of the year, flocks of Canada geese fly over the library en route to and from Fairy Lake and surrounding greens. No matter how often one sees and hears these magnificent birds, there's the same wonder and stirring of the spirit. That some will be victims of the fall kill is unthinkable.

Minor injuries

An Acton resident received minor injuries in a two car collision in Georgetown recently.

John Trimble, 200 Churchill Road S., was driving his 1976 Mercury along Guelph Street when the incident occurred.

Driver of the second vehicle, Stephen R. Brown, 3 Heather Court, Georgetown was not injured.

Damage to the Trimble car is estimated at \$3000.

Brown's 1977 Dodge has \$1000 damage.

A 1979 Pontiac received \$1100 in damages in a single car mishap Thursday.

John Kavanaugh, 77 Nelson Court was driving down the 8th Line when he left the roadway in an effort to miss an animal. Passengers Daniel and Marion Kavanaugh, 52 Queen St., Georgetown, and the driver were not injured.



Second Acton Guide Pack received 10 new members from the Brownies last Wednesday evening. In the front row, left to right, Shelley Donston, Amlé O'Connor, Janet Steckley, Karle Gudgeon, Wendy

Colton and Angela Hunter. Back Row, new Guide Leader Ann Donston, Christine Beaton, Helen Bird, Nancy Norton and Susanne Mellon.

Ospringe

Hallowe'en promenade brought out costumes

by Doris Fines
Congratulations to Nora Stubbington on her accomplishments, which are acquired only through hard study and perseverance. Having received her certificate in Library Arts from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto, in May of this year, she graduated in October from the University of Guelph with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and English.

While studying at the University, Nora accepted a part-time job, and organized and set up a library in the Wellington County Health Unit, which is now Wellington Dufferin, and is now working as a library technician with the Ministry of Treasury and Economics Library, Queens Park, Toronto.

The hot beef supper at Knox church went along smoothly and well, with about 400 sitting down to enjoy the mouth-watering goodness.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray McLean, of the Erin-Eramosa Town Line, have sold their house, and moved into Guelph the end of the month.

Sherlock Foreman of Fort Worth, Texas, has been visiting a few days with his sisters and brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Rev. Hugh Moorhouse and family at London, Ontario, and Anna and Gordon Aitken, and visited with the Aitken's families at Ottawa, Elgin and Willowdale.

The "trick or treat" crowd roaming around Hallowe'en night must have been treated right, for there were no tricks. It was a good spooky night for the witches and other creatures to be roaming about, and it is a credit to the young folk that there was no wilful damage done.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kearns of Guelph, visited last weekend with their daughter and son-in-law Anne and Bruce Smith and wee son Brent. On Sunday they all attended the Rumsey family reunion at Woodbridge.

The Ospringe Brownies and Guides enjoyed an outing at Kelso Park. Three leaders, with help from three mothers, kept a watchful eye on the 30 young Brownies, while the Guides were accompanied by their three leaders. The two groups had their own hiking trails, and their separate fires for the cook-out, built within sight of one another. They ended up the day by playing games.

On Saturday, a joint project between the Guides and Brownies, was a bake sale at Grundy's sale barn. The Guides sold the baking, but the donations came from both groups.

Many strange creatures paraded in the annual Ospringe school Hallowe'en promenade. Almost every student was in costume, and

prizes were awarded for different categories. Bristol Clarke as a bunny, and Connie McKinnon as a cat, received prizes for the best animal costume. The best traditional Hallowe'en costume was won by Melanie Patterson, as a witch and Rene VanKesteren, as a hobo. Nathan Clouser as a bunny, and Doug Grundy as a hobo, were the funniest, and

the most original was Heidi Schotach a scarecrow, and Doug Root a headless man. The best couple were Lori VanManen and Debbie Sinclair as Raggedy Ann and Andy, and Jim Cutting and Mike Jessop as Frankenstein and Dracula. The grade 7 students had their party before going to the High School at 2 o'clock.

Eden Mills

Pranksters out on Hallowe'en

by Mrs. W. MacDougall
Hallowe'en passed rather quietly—the young ones were out trick or treating and then went to the hall for a party. The older ones played their annual trick by setting fires on both bridges. Traffic was held up for a time until the Rockwood Fire Department came and extinguished the flames.

The annual Community Club Bazaar will be coming up on November 24. Keep in mind also, the annual Community Club meeting on November 19. All members most welcome.

Sincere get well wishes from friends in this village go out to Archie McKendry of the Guelph Police Force who sustained serious injuries to his hips and legs when a tree he was cutting down fell and pinned him to the ground.

A coffee group for young mothers is being started for women in Rockwood and Eden Mills. They will meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30. The first meeting will be hosted by Rev. Carrie Doehring at the manse. A babysitter will be available for the children.

The church Youth Group is visiting an Anglican service of worship at St. Matthias Church in Guelph November 18th. They are also having a retreat to Crieff Hills on the weekend of December 7. There were some American visitors at worship on Sunday. Rev. Doehring had her three

aunts from Buffalo, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. N. Bermecker had company from Illinois.

Recent guests at the Gilbertson home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevenson and Jennifer and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cochrane of Stoney Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Archibald of Guelph and

Jim and Grant Gilbertson, Guelph.

Mrs. Anna Wilson spent Sunday in Moorefield with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Riley.

Friends of Mrs. Mable Wilson will be sorry to hear that she suffered a stroke and is confined to hospital in Guelph.

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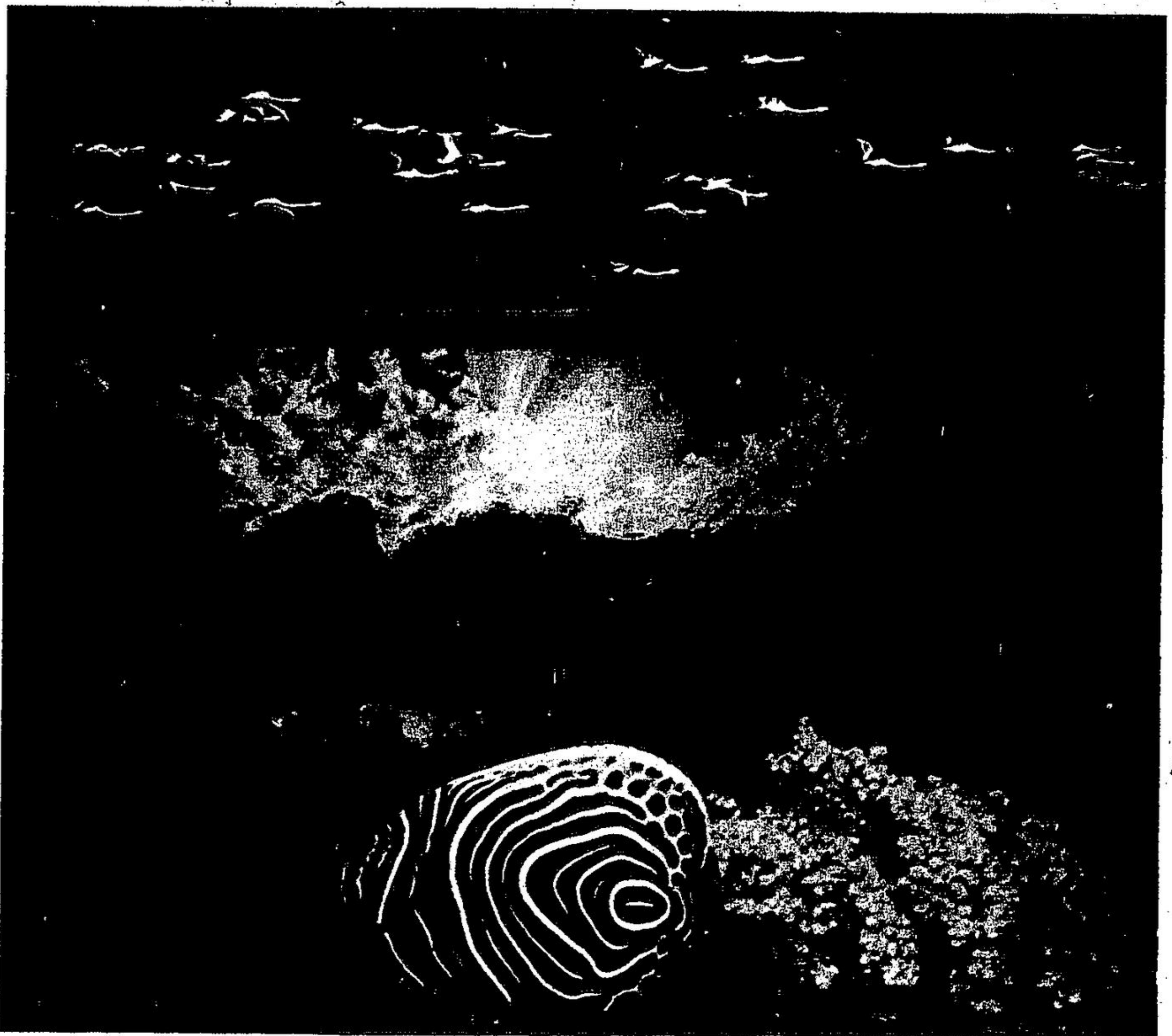
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The Sea of Galilee at sunrise. The stillness of the Dead Sea at sunset. But there is another kind of beauty, too, that is Israel. A beauty that can be felt in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Nazareth, Jericho. For Israel is the land of the Bible.

The nature reserve of Hai Bar where biblical animals such as the ibex, gazelle, and oryx antelope roam freely. The Mediterranean grottoes of Rosh Hanikra where splashing waves become rainbows.

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