Jennifer Barr

For a dozen years our zoo of animals was kept healthy by Dr. Ben Wingrove, Dr. Ben to the kids and Gentle Ben to the animals. Farmers, backto-the-landers and those of us who can't live without a houseful of cuddlies looked upon Ben as a friendly old-time vet who would doctor anything. stay for coffee and apologetically leave a sur-

prisingly small bill. Ben Wingrove retired last week, selling his Ospringe practice to Dr. MIU Waln of Terra Cotta to be operated by Dr. Jan Dadson. He'll be assisted by Dr. Carol Graham, a familiar face to Wingrove patients. However, other familiar faces at the clinic, Dr. Bob Hampson and receptionist

Jean Whiting, are gone. Ben and his nurse-wife Mabel will still be living on their 86 acre farm just west of Ospringe, working Hereford beef cattle as always. Ben may have more time for flying his Piper Tri Pacer, conveniently stored behind the barn, or

for playing his organ and fishing. For the past 32 years of practice, Ben has had precious little time for hobbies although he's kept active with the Royal Shriners of Guelph where he has been president and has served on the executive for many years. He's also past master of Royal City Lodge of Perfection. Being a farm vet with a mixed clientele covering many miles from Erin to Guelph, Acton to Hillsburgh, has given Ben plenty of sleepless nights.

He didn't always want to be a vet. At one time Ben wanted to be a physicist, but it meant travelling away from his Aberfoyle home to university and funds were scarce. So Ben stayed close to home and went to OVC at Guelph following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, a Scottish blacksmith who settled in Aberfoyle to do a little horse shoeing and doctoring. Ben's grandfather was the butcher of Aberfoyle working in the slaughterhouse that is now a popular restaurant. His father was a farmer.

In 1949 Ben and his Erin bride Mabel set up practice in Erin purchasing a \$6,000 house with no amenities whatsoever. Another house available with all conveniences sold for \$8,000 but was

just too expensive for a struggling vet.

In those days Ben looked so young he had to grow a mustache. His patients consisted of mixed farm animals. A good practice was built nec-essitating a clinic be added onto the house by 1953. However, in those days of the early 50s there was not a lot of money around says Ben and he got tired of trying to collect old bilis.

A move to Toronto took him to Canada Packers in Islington then to the purchase of the Yonge Street animal hospital.

Life with small animals was interesting enough at first, Ben says, but he didn't like being indoors. Fortunately, life was enlivened by mix-

ing the Riverdale zoo animals with everyday cats and dogs. Adventures with orangutans bent on infanticide and llamas insisting on being born

like a pretzel added to Ben's experience. A large bird, monkey and chinchilla practice flourished out of the small animal clinic and Ben found himself tackling chinchilla caesareans. "Baby chinchillas are miscrable little devils," grins Ben. "At two minutes of age they can sink their teeth right through your finger.'

Missing the farm, Ben and Mabel came home in 1965 purchasing the farm on Highway 24 and settling down to a quiet farming life with a little vet work on the side. It didn't work out that way and eventually Ben built his clinic on part of the

great-grandchild Tara.

Margaret Buchanan celebrated her 101st bir-

thday quietly Monday surrounded by her fami-

ly, in Guelph General

Mrs. Buchanan has

been in hospital since

last October, when she

suffered a stroke a few

weeks after a gala 100th

birthday party at her

home, Maple View

Mrs. Buchanan was

born September 7, 1880

in Scotland. She was

planning to come to

Canada to join her hus-

band in April, 1912,

aboard the maiden

voyage of the Titanic.

An ill child postponed

Hospital.

Lodge.

her plans.

101st birthday

Working with farm animals weighing upwards to a ton has left Ben with some scars. He remembers trying to worm one ungrateful horse who reared up on his hind legs and bashed Ben in the skull with a shod hoof. With blood pouring down his face Ben conceded defeat-'I just didn't bother to worm it," he says ruefully.

Another horse story involves a Presbyterian student minister who spent the summer travelling around with Ben. While castrating a fouryear-old work horse, Ben put the minister to work holding up the horse's tail over a beam, a popular method of restraining a horse during gelding in earlier days.

This time the horse sat down after the first incision swinging the little minister off his feet-"that's the one time I heard a preacher swear," Ben chuckles.

Life may look sweeter to Ben now that he doesn't have to answer the phone in the wee hours of the morning but veterinarian Ben will be sorely missed. However, flyer, farmer, muslcian, curler and Shriner Ben will still be around.



Dr. Ben Wingrove shows his wife Mabel the horse-doctoring bag belonging to his greatgrandfather.

session this Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre (take the Y entrance at the side of Margaret Buchanan with her grandson Barry and the building where the police station and Halton Hills office is located on

> early in the winter of 1979 on a weekly basis and ran through the

After moving to cause of lack of interest, Canada, her life was just the drop-in started husband Andrew raised month and was canthree children, Andrew, celled for the past sum-

ceased, and Margaret, At times the drop-in, other weeks nobody has

Her daughter- in-law

Joyce attributes life around children and As a child, Mrs. teenagers to her longevi-Buchanan made dairy ty. Until just a few years winner at the CNE.

Ronald McLean was a His white leghorn bird products for Queen Vic- ago, Mrs. Buchanan Sr. toria's country home, would walk to Ballina- was declared Best Cockerel in Show.

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died in 1955, Mrs.

son William at R.R. 2

Acton, and his family.

Friday, Sept. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the "Y"

Courses include: Arts & Crafts, Astrology, Babysitters, Baton, Ballet, Ceramics, Crochet, Gymnastics, Heart Saver CPR, Judo, Karate, Kick Boxing, Kinderfun, Kindergym, Needlework, Parent Training, Sign Language, Smokenders, Weightlifting, Women's Keep Fit.

Councillors' drop-in returns

resume this week with a ward two regional keeping it going as a re- and ideas. councillor Russ Miller and Mayor Peter Pomeroy are on hand. Interest in the drop-in was boosted for one June session by a visit from

number of ratepayers Mill St. East). attended to raise regional concerns with The drop-in was born the chalrman. Because of the success of that visit dates are be-

summer of 1980. Earlier this year, beas busy. She and her late operating just twice a ton police chief James Besides the session

of Guelph, William, de- mer. (Gamsby) of Saskatoon, which affords local Saskatchewan. She citizens the opportunity belonged to the Acton to discuss concerns with Women's Institute, the their local councillors in Legion Ladies' Aux- Acton, has been quite illary and Knox Presby- popular with several residents visiting and

come in. Usually all three Buchanan moved in with Acton councillors, Dave Whiting, Terry Grubbe

CNE win

Acton area resident

ing lined up for Raftis to return and appearances by Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, Hal-Harding and Halton MP Otto Jelinek.

Halton Regional Chair-

man Jack Raftls. Quite a

also be a drop in on September 25. Councillors are hoping

this Friday there will

residents with any complaints or concerns will

'The Ward One (Acton) and Ross Knechtel, are attend the drop-in so it gular forum for the ex-Councillors' drop-in will in attendance and often will be worth their time change of information

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For a copy of an Executive Summary of the Regional Day Care Study Final Draft Report, please call:

853-0501 Ext. 303

Regional Day Care Study Steering Committee Councillor A. Mulvale, Chairman

Car fire

Acton Volunteer Firefighters responded to a car fire at 274 Elmore Drive last Wednesday evening. An estimated \$2,000 in damages resulted according to deputy fire chief Bob Hyde. The fire was started by a short circuit under the dashboard.



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There will be an informal rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 17th at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

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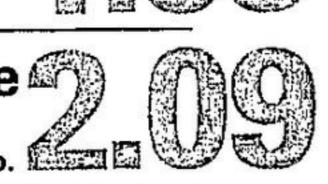
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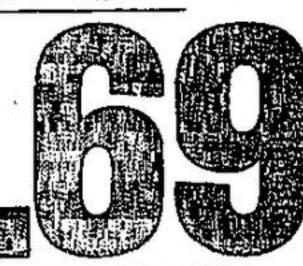
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