

On the Leavell With Helen



The daughter of a former rector of St. Alban's Anglican Church has been elected vice-president of the International Council on Pastoral Care and Counselling at its Congress in San Francisco last August.

Rev. Elizabeth (Betty) Kilbourn, daughter of the late Rev. Philip Sawyer, is co-ordinator of Chaplaincy and Program Consultant, Training and Education, in the Diocese of Toronto.

The next congress will be meeting in 1987 in Australia.

Irene McLeod, of Scarborough was kind enough to send us a newspaper clipping announcing Rev. Kilbourn's election.

St. Joseph's school will be holding their next Parent's Association meeting on January 19. Board consultants will be on hand to discuss the new guidelines on sex education in Catholic schools and it is hoped there will be a good turnout among parents.

The last meeting, in October, introduced the new committee to the parents. They are: president, Liz Adamlak, vice-president, Carmel McGeragle; and secretary/treasurer Joanne Ellerson.

The creative playground project is still about \$2,000 short and a fund raising committee has been formed to raise the money.

This month's Indusmin Link, the in-house newspaper for Indusmin Limited employees, included a lengthy article on the improvements done by Acton High School students on the school creek.

The article, by company public relations person Jack Nelson, explained how the students rechannelled the creek, with the help of stone donated by Indusmin.

"We salute all those who took part in this successful endeavor and hope that in the future we may again be asked to play a role in similar worthwhile undertaking," the article read. Accompanying the story was a photograph of the school creek and High School Environmental Science Jane Forbes.

I got the old cross-country skis out Sunday, dusted them off and headed for the lake. The weather was perfect for the outing and the opportunity to step out my front door and literally go for miles was much appreciated.

As most who know me know, I am a downhill ski fanatic, but an old ski injury from many years ago has limited me to the tamer (and cheaper) cross-country.

My co-hort in Sunday's trek, neighbor Eva McDowell and myself wonder if natives to this town realize how lucky they are to have such good trails, and opportunities at their doorstep.

By the way, I fell once only, that was in the driveway before I even put my skis on.

It sure is a small world. From time to time editor Gord has mentioned in his column that he hails from a small town much like Acton; Port Hope, Ontario, which is about 60 miles east of Toronto.

Gord was at a garage sale for a community group last fall taking a picture when a gentleman came up and asked if he was Gord Murray, editor of the paper.

With trepidation, anticipating a complaint about why something was in the paper or wasn't published in a recent issue, he answered yes.

This fellow introduced himself as Doug Kellough of Acton, noted he reads Gord's column and recalled him mentioning he was from Port Hope. Well, Doug said, he was originally from Cobourg, Cobourg is another eight miles down the road to the east of Port Hope.

They chatted a bit about their two former home towns and concluded they didn't know each other in those days, though there isn't that many years between them and Gord did spend some time in Cobourg, a whole summer once when he was in the militia.

Anyway, Doug called again last week and asked Gord if his grandfather's name was Hee.

Gord cautiously replied yes, wondering who the heck Doug Kellough was and why he was calling him about a grandfather who passed away when Gord was only about seven or eight.

Well, Doug jogged Gord's memory as to who he was and noted Gord had recently mentioned he and I would be enjoying Christmas with his family this year, and his step-grandmother Florence Giddy, was coming from Port Hope.

(Actually it was me who mentioned Christmas and Fu-Fu—more about this name for Florence later)

Doug has a big hello to pass on to Florence from his aunt Margaret Kellough who knows Fu-Fu and was nursing supervisor at Port Hope Hospital when they both worked there.

Florence gets the Free Press weekly, so I decided to pass the hello along through my column as a surprise.

Now for an explanation of Fu-Fu. It's Gord who gave her this nickname, one she's as well known by as Florence in Port Hope. I'm told by his mother Joan. Seems as a toddler Gord couldn't say Florence, all he could manage was Fu-Fu. It stuck.

As a nurse at Port Hope hospital, Florence (Gord's) was involved in both the delivery of Gord and his brother Dave.

At Christmas his family told me a little story about Florence's first remarks to Joan about her first born moments after the big event. "Well," she mused "he's got big feet." They still are a little large,

certainly compared with mine. Guess his big feet led to his big mouth. (That should get him back for relaying his first meeting with me a few months ago in his column. That is if my editor lets this get through).

This Friday Acton's council drop-in resumes at the Acton Social Services and Information Centre (the house beside H and H Video) after a short holiday season recess.

Acton's three councillors Rick Bonnette, Ross Knechtel and Dave Whiting regularly attend and Mayor Russ Miller and Councillor Jake Kuiken are also often on hand.

Except for one Friday late last year, attendance at drop-in has been meager which councillors find puzzling. Councillors, particularly Whiting, often comment that they wish people would contact them more often to express opinions and bring complaints and concerns to their attention. With so many contentious issues these days, for example the municipal complex and land purchase question, property tax and assessment reform, snow removal, etc., there's really no reason why the councillors should be left sitting at drop-in chatting with each other. Go on, don't just sit back and complain, drop by drop-in and voice your concerns.

Drop-in runs from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. or later if needed.

At 7.42 Thursday night we got a call at home from a "citizen" wishing to make an observation about snow service. The citizen turned out to be Councillor Whiting who said with a light snow falling the roads were getting quite slick. He noted Guelph St. in Georgetown (Highway 7) was particularly treacherous. As he drove home to Acton, he said he was expecting to find Mill St. in Acton quite bad and was prepared to call the works department. However, he found Highway 7 in town had been sanded and wasn't too bad. Side streets, like Kingham which is his own street, were as bad as Highway 7 in Georgetown.

Whiting tells us he's heard a few complaints from citizens who say snow banks are too high at different intersections. He's passed them on to staff and they're cutting down snow banks.

Councillor Bonnette says he's receiving numerous calls from citizens about the snow situation, nine in one work day alone. Besides hearing from citizens over the phone and in person at his shop, he's also receiving calls at home. Interspersed with the many calls for general complaints as well as calls for specific areas which need attention, he says he's also had a couple of calls from people saying the snow service has been pretty good this year. Where calls have been about specific areas of concern he's been passing them on to staff and remedial action has been taken. He's received compliments afterwards about the fine job done by works staff in a few cases. He's been hearing concerns about snow buried fire hydrants, impassable sidewalks, big snowbanks, etc.

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Many visitors in area

by Doris Flies

Stelco Parkdale Works, Hamilton, held a Christmas party for the children of employees, on December 18. Gary and Sandra Ferguson and Ryan were there. Santa Claus and Sesame Street were the main attractions. Ryan had a great time talking to the characters and sitting on their knees. He especially liked Big Bird.

It was a white, white Christmas. I had Christmas dinner with my mother, courtesy of Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus, then on to Mount Forest to the home of my niece Evelyn and Bryan Redman and girls Tara and Melanie, accompanied by my sister Audrey Henderson of Belwood. Perhaps it was the weight of that extra feast that kept the car on the road through that blustery snow on the return trip. At Arthur I lingered a while to let a bus go ahead. I figured if I kept my eyes on the bus, the road just had to be there somewhere. Never again will I dream of a white Christmas.

Lloyd and Doris Boyd spent Christmas eve at the home of their daughter Joan and John Jefferson and family at Fergus. They all came back to Boyd's for Christmas dinner next day, also their son Lloyd Boyd of Mississauga.

Stan and Agnes Fuller and Bill, entertained the family on Christmas day, which included Brian and Dianne Fuller, Stephen and Rebecca of Grand Valley, Marlene and Robert Hanna, Karen and Jamie of Plattsville, Gall and Neil Baldwin, Cheryl and David of Hillsburgh, Robert and Janie Fuller and Matthew of Brampton, John and Susan Fuller and children Arnie and Blake Adam.

Clarence and Violet Hurren had Christmas dinner with Violet's sister Wilma and Garnet Sinclair and family at Ballinad.

Ross and Orma Ferguson, Gary and Sandra Ferguson and Ryan, spent Christmas eve with Don and Linda Wilson and family at Fergus.

Mrs. Mary Foreman of Guelph has been spending the Christmas week at the home of her daughter, Shelly and Russell Grundy and family. Other guests on New Year's day were Chris and Cliff Nelson, Karri and Timmy, and Mrs. Margaret Nelson, all of Rockwood.

Jack and Sadie Ferguson had all the family home for Christmas, Don and Sharon Jackson and Donnie of Douglas Point, Mike and Connie Ferguson, Holly and Kristy of Orton, Dan and Shelley Ferguson, and Leon of Hillsburgh, and Pat and Susan Ferguson of Ospringle.

Norman and Hilda McKenzie, and Bill and Lorilyn McKenzie and Melissa, were guests on Christmas day with Ken and Carol Smith and family at Brantford.

Robert and Susan Bruce, David and Neil of Burlington, Brenda Bruce and Freeman Reid of Oshawa, had Christmas dinner with Byron and Blanch Bruce and Bradley.

Mrs. Myrtle Theaker and Mrs. Olive Stewart spent Christmas day at the home of

Ed and Jean Stewart, Seventh Line. Mrs. Stewart held open house boxing day for relatives.

Vernon and Laura Stewart had family members home for Christmas, David and Wendy Stewart of Caledon, Jim and Linda Stewart, Third Line, Bill and Debbie Clark, Crystal and Jason, Ken and Judy McKenzie, Joshua and Becky of Rockwood, and Chris and Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher and family were guests at a Christmas dinner party, given by George Bradford and family of Guelph.

Snowmobile patrol

Guelph OPP had their snowmobiles out on the weekend checking others on similar machines.

Over the two days, 100 machines were checked with 25 warnings being issued and 16 charges laid.

Charges were mostly for no registration numbers and no valid permits, which carry a \$28 fine each and no insurance, which has a fine of \$103.

\$600 damage to a parked car

A vehicle with a snow plough on the front collided with a parked car January 2, along Elmore Drive, Acton, causing \$600 damage to the parked car, report police.

The vehicle, driven by Christine Hoare, 17, of 38 Brock St., Acton went out of control on a curve in the road. The parked car was owned by Tom Feenstra of Lot 27, Concession 3, Acton.

Two car collision

A two car collision on Main St. in Acton, Friday afternoon, resulted in damage to both vehicles, report police.

A car driven by Linda Kilpatrick, 19, of 337 Orville Rd., Acton sustained \$800 and a car driven by Alex Waldie, 64, of RR 2 Acton, had an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Cars collide on 20 Sideroad

A total of \$1,500 damage resulted when two cars collided on 20 Sideroad January 2.

Police report a car driven by Lisa Fraser, 19, RR 1, Limehouse had an estimated \$500 damage and a car driven by Lorena Dixon of Lot 20, Concession 7 Esquesing had \$1,000 damage.

World Religion Day

January 15 has been proclaimed World Religion Day in Halton Hills. The request came to council from the Baha'is of Halton Hills.

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