

# Holiday Visitors Here and There

Mrs. D. Lafond, Montreal, spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. M. Bastedo, 14 Byron Street.

Mrs. A. E. Taylor, 5 Hewson Crescent, visited last week in Sarnia with her sister, Mrs. Mary Guthrie.

Mrs. Vic Torrance, 30 Water Street, spent Christmas with her sister Mrs. Wallace McMillan of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Zentner of London were Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. C. Turner, 19 Pennington Cres.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tyers, 24 Tyers Avenue, were in Acton for Christmas with their son John and his family.

Mr. William Wesson and daughter Hazel were Christmas guests with the W. Thompsons, 51 Prince Charles Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walker and Geoffrey, 50 Hewson Cres., spent Christmas in Deep River with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bilda Barnett of 36 Moore Park is holidaying with her son William and Mrs. Barnett of Hampshire, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson and son Larry, 178 Guelph St., visited last week in London with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Thompson, 87 Weber were in Toronto with his uncle Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Thompson for Christmas.

Miss Beatrice Hills, 36 Mill Street, spent Christmas in Guelph with her nephew Roy and Mrs. Warne and other relatives.

Mr. and Alex Taylor, 43 John St. E., spent Christmas with daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ken Westfall of Brampton.

Mrs. Lloyd Ludgate of Guelph spent Christmas with her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Walker, 26 Henry Street.

Mrs. Flossie Tracey and son Keith, 37 George Street, holidayed with her son Robert and Mrs. Tracey and family of Mississauga.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Craig and Joan of 131 Main St. spent Christmas with her brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cook, Hunter in Erin.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Timpson, Doug, Ron and Lee, 53 McIntyre Cres., visited friends Mr. and Mrs. Ken McCleary of Aurora last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Mueller were Christmas day guests with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson, 252 Mountainview Rd. S.

Miss Elaine Robinson of McGill University, Montreal was home for the Christmas season with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson, 27 Arletta St.

Mr. and Mrs. John Underhill, 82 Main St. S., welcomed his sister and husband and family the Charles Cordras, Eileen and Carol of Toronto for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tucker, Ellen, JoAnne and Angela, 26 Water St. travelled to Peterborough to be with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Garvey, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandermeer, Janice and Aldwin, 29 Baylors Cres. were at Terra Cotta Inn for Christmas dinner and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrop of Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent, 50 Rexway Dr. motored to New Brunswick to spend Christmas week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Vincent and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tripp, Ralph Jr. Bert, Diana and Betty Ann, 22 Park St. were Christmas day guests with their son John his wife and John Jr. and Angela of West Hill.

Mr. Roger Tessier, Karen, Michelle, Vickie and Denise of 4 Chelvin Drive travelled to Kapuskasing to be with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tessier, for Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Urquhart, R. Albert St., spent Christmas night with his brother Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Urquhart of Willowdale and Christmas day with Mrs. Margaret Gatehouse, Toronto.

Holiday guests at the home of the Charles Crimes, 173 Bay lawn Cr. were son Tony and his friend Miss Marie Bardol of Whitby. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lamb, Toronto and neighbours and friends.

Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Underhay and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. White, RR 1 Terra Cotta included Mr. Bob and Mrs. White and family of Plymouth, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Carl White of Holt, Michigan Mr. and Mrs. Jack White and family of Stratford, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kirker and family of St. Catharines.

Sixteen guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Heywood, 2 Gray Gate, for a family party on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. They were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chick Henderson and family, R. B. Georgetown Mr. and Mrs. Peter Saunderson and two children, Glen Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marland and daughter Julie, Toronto. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Don Barr and daughter Cheryl. A tribute in the form of a poem called "Pioneer Spirit" was received from Mr. and Mrs. Will Butler, Ormskirk, Lancashire, England. This was written to commemorate a visit to Canada last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Butler. They were most impressed to see how all the members of a family will work together to build a house as this is something which is not done in England and this inspired the writing of the poem and hence the name

## Rode Brahmas, Broncs, Now Teaching Rosslake Riding



Bob Gauthier has a little heart to heart talk with Duchess during a training session.

An ex-horse buster and Brahma bull rider from the wilds of Toronto, Bob Gauthier is now teaching riding and training and breaking horses at Rosslake Riding School, R.R. 3, Georgetown.

He and his wife Joy who also teaches riding, became interested in riding in the mundane atmosphere of a Don Mills riding stable, but really became hooked on horses after buying their own horses.

Bob was active in rodeo competition around Southern Ontario and Upper New York State, but never tried the bone-shaking sport of bronc riding until his horse became ill, and he decided to enter the bronc-busting event without any previous practice. In his very first attempt, he stayed on 7 1/2 seconds, from the time the horse came out of the chute, till he landed on the hard

ground. The minimum time to be counted as a contestant is 8 seconds on the horse. "It seems like a long time," commented Bob Gauthier.

After trying the sport he then attended the Bob Wegner Bull Riding School in Puyallup, Washington. Bob Wegner is the World's Champion Bull Rider, and has held the title for some time.

The Gauthiers stabled their horse at Roy Inson's Wynfield Farms, for a few years, and give credit to Roy and Jean, for their efforts in teaching them to ride quarterhorses which they claim is much different other types of riding.

The young couple, married eight years ago in Toronto, came to live at Rosslake in October, and plan to start their three month old son Danny, to start riding before he can walk. "We'll just teach him Western riding like the rest of our pupils," says Joy.

After being rounded up and sold somebody has to break them, and Bob Gauthier is one who does this, and travels fair distances to do so.

Apart from breaking wild horses, he mainly trains or re-trains horses for riding purposes. He also trains horses with bad habits, who may never have been properly trained in the first place. "While you're try-

ing to stop it now by preventing urban sprawl is worth more than the 'almighty buck'."

As for planning in general, it has always been associated with the communist regime. But there is no comparison with our system and that of the haphazard five year plans of the former Soviet chief of state. Our plans become a reality only after careful and deliberate scrutiny by the elected representatives of a majority of the people. To correct the mistakes of the past and prevent them from occurring again in the future is our aim. Those of the communists are for the eventual domination of the world.

As stated by Mr. Mason, democracy must have its champions to survive, but it must also change with the times.

Thank you for letting me express my opinions.

— Jack Wallinga

Eleven workshops throughout Ontario are part of the organization which the Ability Fund (March of Dimes) uses to rehabilitate disabled adults, teaching them to do work, helping them to gain confidence and self-respect.

Usually the best land for agriculture, with its qualities of being relatively flat, well drained and fertile, make it ideal for foundations, gardens and lawns. Agricultural land is disappearing and the only alternative is northern Ontario, where farming can be relocated on the Canadian shield, with its shorter growing season and infertile soil. Since this approach is unsatisfactory for the well-being of the people, governments are trying to stop the "people-ation" of urban sprawl. This will only hurt the speculators who are hoping to sell their land for some nice inflated sum. The true farmers will be unaffected since their interest is running their farms and not selling parts of their land. Control now by the government shows genuine foresight. A vote against this policy might mean money in your pocket, but think of the next generation. They are the ones who must live with the mess we create.

We always complain about the world our parents left us. Let's not give our children even more cause. Resources of natural beauty, open spaces and fertile land are dwindling

IN THE MAIL BAG

Dear Editor: After reading the letter from Gordon E. Mason, reeve of Parry Sound, I believe the headline should read "Northern reeve incensed for fear of losing job."

Assumably he knows that if regional government came into effect, his position as reeve would lose prestige, if not be eliminated completely. Naturally, he tries to sympathize with the rural citizens of Ontario to gain their support in a last desperate attempt to prevent the new policy. He calls it unjust discrimination and inequality because the use of rural land will be controlled by the regional government. But he fails to mention the controls and regulations of the zoning by-laws and codes of towns and cities which also dictate to the owners to what use they may put their lands.

Until now the rural citizen has had the advantage over those people from the city. It is about time that there was some conformity within the law, whereby everyone is affected equally.

He also states that if it were a case of pollution of our water supplies, there would be some justification for refusing to allow the farmer to sell his land for residential purposes. He does not mention the pollution of nature. Is the replacement of our natural environment of forests and open spaces, for buildings of sterile concrete and brick an acceptable trade?

Already we are losing our best agricultural land for residential housing. A case in point is the Niagara fruit belt. Its fertile soils are now almost completely covered with buildings and pavement. The way the building has been in the past and is expected to continue, the expanse from Montreal to Niagara Falls will be one huge metropolis in the near future. It has been estimated that all the best agricultural land in Ontario will be covered with buildings by the year 2000.


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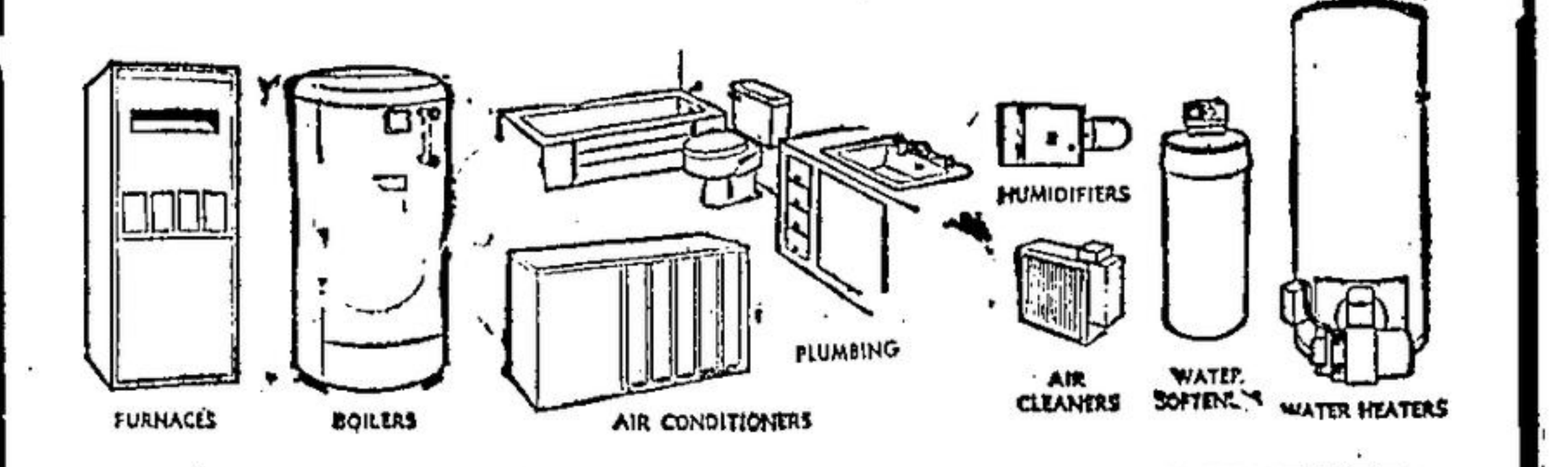
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