

Likes to Write

"Antique Bug" Story Published In New Book

by MARG WHITTLETON
 "Things that have been loved by other people appeal to me," said Mrs. Margaret Lipsett, as she sat in an antique armchair and spoke of the many lovely things filling her home.
 Mrs. Lipsett recently had a humorous article, "The Antique Bug" published in The Book of Auctions put out by Ward-Price Ltd., Toronto.
 "I submitted an article to the magazine Ward-Price puts out," she laughed. "I didn't know they were publishing the book and they wrote back to ask if they could use it."

UNTO WRITE
 Mrs. Lipsett has always liked to write. To her "writing is fun" and when she was in high school wrote a weekly column which was carried by the Orangeville Banner, Alliston Herald and four other weekly papers. She was a student at Orangeville and Alliston high schools.

"Some of the things that seemed important then now seem so funny. But I got to go on a lot of trips with older students because of my column," she said.
 Mrs. Lipsett is the daughter of Mrs. Emma Dolson and the late John A. Dolson and is married to LaVerne Lipsett. She is the mother of two youngsters, Stephen 5 and Tiffany 2.
 Her interest in antiques has led to the purchase by her and her husband of the property north of Georgetown of the late Col. Ballantine. The house is constructed of stone from the site and there is an uncompleted guest house and various other stone buildings on the property. Even the dog house is stone.

LARGE GARDEN
 Large gardens in front of the house originally tended by a gardener were overgrown but the Lipsetts are gradually cutting out the undergrowth and clearing the flagstone paths. "It's really beautiful here in the spring," commented Mrs. Lipsett.

Mrs. Lipsett is redecorating the house in semi-medieval style. The ceilings of the house are fairly low and the living room has beams across the ceiling. A fireplace in the livingroom is being relined with fire-brick and a wall has been torn out to enlarge the room.

Furniture is largely antiques, from chairs and tables to vases and pictures.
 "We buy most of our things at auctions," Mrs. Lipsett said over a cup of tea. "We like unusual pieces. I want people to feel they've been away from home not to just another version of their own livingroom."

Though the house gives a feeling of coziness and intimacy there is nothing cramped about it. There is another fireplace upstairs.

BREAKFRONT
 Perhaps the most inexpensive and unusual item for its size is a monstrous breakfront which the Lipsetts got for \$3.

"It was too big to bring out so the auctioneer just asked for bids. We didn't even know what we were bidding on."

The breakfront has a large mirror, beautifully carved panels, brass handles and a coat of arms carved in the top. It touches the ceiling and takes up about eight feet along one wall. One discovery made at the house was in the kitchen. "The

plaster was in poor shape so we though we'd replaster. But when we got the walls stripped we found they were pine under the plaster," Mrs. Lipsett said.

Now Mrs. Lipsett is carefully sanding the walls and filling nail-holes. She wants to install a stained glass window in the kitchen.

When she finishes the house (which will be some time as they are redoing nearly everything) she plans to work on the uncompleted guest house.

ARTICLE PLANNED
 Then? "I eventually want to write about renovating from the humorous angle," she said. "I take notes of the comments people make without them knowing."

Whatever she chooses to do, Mrs. Lipsett will obviously attack it with as much energy and determination as she does the house.

Milton Man Quilt Winner

A quilt, offered as a prize in a lucky draw sponsored by the Friends of the Museum, was won by a Milton man, Monty Allen, 141 Bronte Street.

Proceeds of the draw, for which many tickets were sold in Georgetown, will be used for raising of the log cabin at the museum at Kelso.

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