

On the Homefront

# Toronto Star causes crisis

By SUSAN De FACENDIS  
Herald columnist

Thanks to the Toronto Star, my husband has suddenly discovered the male mid-life crisis.

Yes, this well-adjusted family man, hitherto content to look forward to the 'Golden Years' of his life, secure in the knowledge that he will be cared for in his dotage by 3 dutiful children and asking nothing more than to play 'horsey' with hordes of future grandchildren, has suddenly learned that these conservative goals are abnormal.

"I'm having a crisis!" he moaned, pacing up and down the living room, brandishing the newspaper.

"Well, hurry up and get it out of your system," I responded. "The lawn needs raking!"

NOT SERIOUS

"Can't you be serious about my anxiety attack?" he demanded. "My masculine ego needs nurturing, I'm in a highly vulnerable stage of my life. I could change jobs, take up a new hobby - like a mistress - and who knows when all this will suddenly strike!"

"You're being manipulated by double-talk. Man, in one form or another, has been wandering around for 130,000 years, how come it's taken until 1979 to decide that the perfectly normal function of growing older is a crisis? Put your jock image to good use and wash the six months accumulation of salt off the car," was my patient reply.

"Watch it woman! Don't you know nagging wives can be tossed aside like yesterday's linguine? Younger women, so it says here in the article, don't make demands... they have sexy apartments... His eyes took on a decidedly glazed appearance.

This was obviously a serious moment in our marriage, fully equal to my creating Old Bessie's fender. Could logic reach this distraught, newly evolving self; this quivering mass of macho manhood, or was I about to lose him forever to disco fever?

"Alright," I said firmly. "Let's discuss your alternate lifestyle."

"You realise this sybaritic existence is going to be expensive. While I, as your wife, am content to have a rye and ginger stirred with a fork handle, and sloshed over ice cubes that have first skidded across the kitchen floor, young girls like exotic drinks; flowers; sweet nothings whispered in their ears - and that wouldn't include: 'Hey, fix me a beer and a sandwich' during the hockey games.

"Then, aside from sporting a half ton of beads and necklaces, you would have to wear shirts open to the navel (terribly drafty in January), probably triggering a hernia from the strain of hauling your chest up to that foreign position just south of the collarbone.

ATHLETE BRIEFS

"You realise too," I brightly continued, "You would have to throw out all your comfortable athletic briefs and stock up on slinky bikinis with suggestive sayings". (That was maybe hitting below the belt, but heck, I had to get to the bottom of the problem somehow.)

"And, think of your heart at this crucial time in your life! A little booging in light Italian shoes might be alright in small doses, but 2 minutes of Le Freak and your little candle could be snuffed out forever!"

"Maybe I'll go and wash six months accumulation of salt off the car instead," he muttered.

"Great idea," I applauded. "And tonight, if you can hold off that crisis for a few hours, why don't you slip into something comfortable and we'll have a little candlelight and wine in front of the fireplace, huh?"

"Throw in a pizza, and I might just rise to the occasion!"

... And they lived happily ever after. Oh mother, the things you never prepared me for...



## LIONS' CHEQUE

Lioness president Pat Dello, left, and bowla-thon chairman Doreen Merrill presented Georgetown Hospital's business manager Brian Pollock with a cheque for \$2,000 last week. Private donations and a bowla-thon accounted for \$1,700 of the money raised while the rest came from club funds. The money will be used to buy hospital equipment. (Herald photo)

# Ballinafad residents welcome Springtime

By WINIFRED SMITH  
Herald correspondent

March 1979 will soon be past. It has been a good month, weather wise. It will be remembered this year by its Spring-like days, not the usual high winds associated with March. Many birds have arrived back in our area, mostly, red-winged blackbirds, but a pair of doves were sighted and one robin. Let us hope the month

goes out as gentle as it came Sunday, being the fourth Sunday in Lent saw a fair number of worshippers out to church. There were two full rows of kiddies, who occupied the front seats, while the minister told them their story. Much to the amusement of the grown ups, the children some of them, had to tell their story first. With the singing of the children's Hymn they accompanied the teachers down-

stairs for the Sunday School classes. Mr. Stiles had an inspiring message for the congregation based on "Love and Giving". He stated that it is natural to give, if we love. The greatest gift of all would be to give ourselves for the service of others.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shortill have returned home after a holiday in Florida.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Ruth Burt has been confined to her home this past week, due to an attack of laringitis and complications as a result from a fall suffered three weeks ago. Hope she soon responds to treatment and able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall had their family home on Sunday.

## Limehouse News

### Tupperware party

By MRS. A.W. BENTON  
Herald correspondent

Although the crowd was not large the Local Association had a good financial result when they held a Tupperware party at Limehouse Memorial Hall last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Quinton of Menford won

the teflon fry pan in a raffle. Lunch provided by the Beaver Mothers was enjoyed after.

We hope Mrs. Glen Scott will do in better health after her return from a week in hospital.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Mills is in hospital this week, and hope she is in better health very soon.

## Terra Cotta WI meets

The recent Terra Cotta Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Clarence Anderson at 1:30 p.m. Tues. Feb. 20th. Miss Eleanor Macdonald and Mrs. Fred Sharpe assistant hostesses served dessert and coffee.

Mrs. Fred Sharpe president conducted the meeting. The roll call was answered by Name a Canadian Province and tell one of its main industries.

Mrs. C. G. Bishop was nominated to attend the office's conference at Waterloo. Mrs. Art McKane read one of Robert Services poems. Rev. I. McPhee was guest speaker who told of his work at Whitehorse and the Yukon. Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie presented Mrs. J.A. McDonald with a gift on behalf of the W.I. for leading the needlework course.

Mrs. Owens MacDonald gave the courtesies.

The next meeting will be held in March at the Home of Mrs. Wilfrid Leslie.

# Ashgrove WI discusses consumer affairs

By MRS. JOHN BELLBODDY  
Herald correspondent

On Tuesday afternoon March 20th the Family and Consumer Affairs meeting of the Women's Institute met in Hillcrest Church with Mrs. John Bird as hostess and 35 ladies attending.

President Mrs. Robt. Alexander presided and meeting opened with the ode and M.S. Collect. Mrs. of Feb. meeting were read and Roll Call answered by a new food product I have tried and my opinion of it.

Mrs. Ford Wickson reported on the successful euchre the Institute had with twenty tables playing in Feb. and Mrs. John McNabb reported for the St. Patrick dance on March 17th. Mrs. Clayton Wilson gave a summary of the Quilting course which has 21 attending. A nominating committee of Mrs. Robert Cunningham and Mrs. Jas McPhail were appointed. Mrs. George Bird had the program and called on Mrs. Frankie Wilson for the motto Feed the family what they require and not what they desire, for the competition at the District Annual in May two loaves of whole wheat bread had been brought and first place went to Mrs. John Bird

and second to Mrs. Bob Alexander. One of our members will be leaving at the end of April to live in Caledonia so Mrs. John H. Hunter said some farewell words to Mrs. Percy Cox and presented her with a small gift from us all for which she expressed her thanks. Then Mrs. W. Allison with her projector and screen showed two interesting films one was how to buy a used car, always buy from someone reliable have everything in writing, you can save money buying a used car, you don't have to get stuck with a lemon from the millions on the market. Second film on TV commercials and all the different products and free prizes to be had, but just buy what you really need. Mrs. Percy Cox gave the courtesies, all sang O Canada and the W.I. grace closed the meeting.

The W.I. annual dance was held on March 17 in the Stewarttown Hall with prizes and decorations on St. Patrick's theme. Winners of the spot dance were - Russ Hurren and Marjorie Fisher, Ron and Norma Grummett, Elimination dance won by George and Verna Bird, birthday dance winners Jim and Isabel Carney. Ron Grummett and Karen Gregory. Harold and Edna Parkinson won the lucky door prizes and Glenda Benton had the lucky chair.

We have just received the news that another dear friend has passed away Mrs. Isabel Bird and we are stunned beyond words. She was everything a friend could be and in every way we will miss her. All our sympathy goes to her children, grandchildren and all the other relatives and friends.

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## MEET THE PRESIDENT



**EDITH HILFMAN**

Edith Hillman, president of the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded has been with the group for six years. During that time she spent three years as preschool chairman for the Tinkerbell Nursery and she is now entering her third term as president.

The Association has about 150 members and is open to anyone with an interest in helping the handicapped. Annual dues are \$1. Members are entitled to attend the open meetings and receive a monthly bulletin. The association is headed by a 15 person board of directors.

Recent changes in the association's by-laws give the president a two-year term of office and set the open meetings free to be scheduled as the group sees fit. Since these meetings are now aimed more at keeping the community informed on the group's work and on changes in methods of helping the handicapped they can be arranged whenever an appropriate speaker is available or there is new information to pass on to the community.

The government sponsors about 80 per cent of the operational costs of the association's five projects, Tinkerbell Nursery for preschoolers, the Halton Developmental Centre for school age children, A.R.C Industries, a sheltered workshop for adults, Countryside and a townhouse used as residences for the adults. It is up to the association, however, to provide the other 20 per cent of the funds needed to keep the projects operational.

Mrs. Hillman and her husband, Lloyd have lived on a farm at R.R. 4, Acton for 13 years. The youngest of their four children is attending Georgetown high school but the others are on their own. Gardening and decorating their old farmhouse keep her busy although she says being a volunteer is her hobby. This is her 25th year as a volunteer with one organization or another. She also loves politics and campaigns actively in federal and provincial elections.