

Georgetown biker enjoys vintage collection

By DOUGLAS ARMOUR
Toronto Bureau

If there's one thing Allan Johnston enjoys more than his Brough Superior motorcycle it's talking about his Brough Superior motorcycle.

The Ministry of the Environment biologist had plenty of opportunities last weekend to do just that. He was one of several Georgetown residents who proudly displayed their vintage motorcycles during the eighth annual International World of Motorcycles show.

As a member of the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Club, an association of motorcycle enthusiasts who assist each other in the restoration of vintage machines, Johnston, Ray Roberts and Charles Emmons stood by a collection of twenty restored motorcycles and answered questions from onlookers during the three day event.

Questions ranged from how to acquire parts for vintage motorcycles, how to estimate their

value, or difficulty of restorations, to how the enthusiasts acquire their first motorbike.

Johnston's love affair with vintage motorcycles began while studying in England when he came upon a 1938 Brough Superior and decided to ship it back to Canada.

Dressed in an army coat almost as old as his motorcycle, Johnston laughs quietly when recounting the story of when it arrived at the shipping office and the clerk, who had never

seen a Brough Superior, was amazed to find it had two front tires.

To protect the frame Johnston had packed the two tires against the front forks. When he drew the clerk's attention to the empty rear forks the clerk was even more amazed and asked how the motorcycle could run with only two front tires.

Since that first acquisition Johnston has bought another Brough Superior and five other motorcycles. But the

Brough, which took him three years to restore, remains his pride and joy.

He estimates that only 29 Broughs were exported from England to Canada and only 1,000 exist worldwide. He said Broughs could sell for as much as \$25,000 or as little as \$3,000 depending on their condition.

Ray Roberts, corresponding secretary for the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Club brought his Triumph Trident to the International World

and Motorcycle show.

He is presently working on the restoration of an Ariel Square Four which has taken him two years just to dismantle.

Roberts explains that with many of the older motorcycles parts are difficult to find and special tools needed to work on them have long since disappeared.

In working on his Ariel he not only has to scout the continent and abroad for replacements but he also has to design and build his own tools.

Georgetown resident Charles Emmons brought his 1903 Kerry motorcycle, likely the oldest motorcycle in Canada and one of the few remaining in the world, and his 1905 Riley which bears a very close resemblance to a moped.

Also present during the motorcycle show was Georgetown resident Bill Matheson of the Canadian Vintage Road Racing Association. He and other association members displayed 20 vintage racers



At Johnston with one of his prized possessions

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ABOUT THE HILLS

Mafia man speaks to womens' group

Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship invites all ladies to join them at their first meeting of the 1985 season at St. George's Anglican Church on Monday Jan. 21 from 7:30 p.m.

Michael Cunningham from the "Continental Slingers" will provide the music. Bev. Higgins of "Be Beautiful" will demonstrate wardrobe and color coordination. Al Tremblay, an ex mafia hit man and his wife Corina, a former counsellor on 100 Huntley Street are currently working in prison ministries and will be the guest speakers.

Al spent 38 years in prison, some of his time on death row and 18 years in solitary confinement. You will find this an unforgettable evening as you hear of God's amazing grace in the lives of these two Christians. Bring a friend and join in for dessert and coffee and an extremely interesting evening. Cost \$3. For reservations call 877-4158.

Gallery art exhibit

An exhibit by the Palette and Pencil Club at the Georgetown Library gallery will be held from Jan. 24 - Feb. 18.

Opening night will have the artists in attendance from 7 - 9 p.m. The gallery will also remain open during the performances of "Mame". Coffee will be available and everyone is welcome.

'Life Sunday' Jan. 20

Immanuel Lutheran Church will observe Life Sunday Jan. 20.

In the 11 a.m. service, the hymns, prayers, and sermons will deal with God's concern for human life and commitment to protect life.

This involves various issues in our society today, including abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

The public is welcome. Immanuel Lutheran Church is located on the corner of Windsor and Carole, one block from Delrex, in Georgetown. For info, 877-0424.

World development

Georgetown Interchurches for World Development will hold a public meeting Jan. 16 in St. George's Anglican Church at 7:30 p.m.

A brief meeting will be held to discuss Ten Days for World Development plans for the Georgetown-Acton area which will be followed by the movie presentation of "The Journey from Faith to Action".

Part of a national event held across Canada, the idea is to improve development in the Third World.

Widows group meeting

The next meeting of the widows contact group is Jan. 22 at Knox Church Hall. The starting time is 8 p.m. For more information call 877-4435.

Injured workers meet

The North Halton Injured Workers are starting up their winter session with two planned meetings.

One is Wednesday Jan. 23 at the Optimist Hall in Milton while the other is Feb. 27 at the Optimist Hall outside of Georgetown.

Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Stewarttown news

By MRS. J. ROSS
Herald Correspondent

STEWARTTOWN - St. John's Guild held their annual meeting Wednesday evening Jan. 9.

The executive are: president Mrs. Joan Hayes, vice-president Mrs. L. Pugsley, secretary Mrs. Marie Murray, treasurer Mrs. E. Deforest, phoning committee Mrs. Pugsley and Mrs. Newman, auditors Mrs. Emalie and Mrs. Stevens, custodian of the linen Mrs. Newman, buyers Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Deforest and Mrs. Stewart.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6 to finalize the pancake supper.

Ski tips available

In the mood for some ski tips? At Mountsberg Wildlife Centre near Campbellville a workshop for cross country skiers is being held Jan. 20 from 1-3 p.m.

There'll be tips on equipment, waxing, clothing, techniques and more.

Special choir music

By WINIFRED SMITH
Herald Correspondent

BALLINAFAD - Special music by the choir added to the service of worship Sunday. Rev. Bandy told the children how important annual meetings were to the church.

Next Sunday Jan. 20 will be the annual meeting for Ballinafad church. Bring lunch and attend meeting in the afternoon.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Malanovic who became the proud parents of a baby boy Jan. 13.

Acton seniorcize

A Seniorcize Fitness tively scheduled for program will be offered Wednesday mornings at in Acton in the near the Acton Library. future. Classes are tenta-

Bolivia exchange

Jessie farms, lives in hut

By ANI PEDIERIAN
Herald Staff

During the three months Jessie Pattulo was in Bolivia, she saw the price of bread rise from 100 pesos to 500 pesos.

"The inflation rate was just incredible," said the 20-year-old woman from Ballinafad.

Her Bolivian counterpart knew very little English, and the family with whom they were living spoke only Spanish, so Jessie was in a total immersion situation, forcing her to learn Spanish.



JESSIE PATTULO

She was in the South American country along with 21 other Canadians also on the Canada World Youth program.

Each matched with a Bolivian youth on the cross-cultural experience, the Canadians were split up, with some going into the grape growing parts of the country, others to the mining communities and some to the potato farms in the south.

MUDADOBE
Jessie and her Bolivian counterpart ended up in a small town, much smaller than Georgetown, living in a mud adobe home with a potato farming family.

Back now, she's looking into taking Spanish lessons to improve the base she's acquired.

As for the embroidery, it wasn't any different from embroidery in Canada, and the piece Jessie did she left behind with the Bolivian family she was living with.

The nearest large town was 15 kilometers away, and was called Tarija.

"They were subsistence farmers and we helped out in the fields, planting potatoes and peanuts and doing a bit of irrigation work," Jessie said.

Conditions were pretty backward on the farm, with no running water or toilets. Instead there were outhouses, and Jessie learned to wash out her clothes in the river with a bar of soap.

October is springtime for Bolivians, so the farm was a busy place with plenty of work for the girls to do.

Because it got really hot in the afternoons, the girls were free to do whatever they wanted to then. Jessie took Spanish language lessons and learned how to embroider in town.

Spanish is Bolivia's national language and by the time Jessie's three months there were over, she'd managed to pick up a fair bit of it.

Meat was a luxury the family didn't enjoy too often. Without a refrigerator, any meat that was brought home or slaughtered had to be cooked and eaten right away. It couldn't be kept.

"I was really very plain, the food," Jessie said. "They ate everything they grew."

Although chicken was occasionally eaten, the bulk of the meals was a peanut based soup with potatoes, carrots and onions in it.

"When the pea season came in, we had a lot of pea dishes," Jessie said. "We were lucky to come in the spring because the fruit was coming in in the south. Food must get pretty boring for them in July and August when they're in their winter."

NO HARDSHIP
A vegetarian herself, Jessie didn't find meatless meals a hardship. However, one hot spice popular with the family, aji (pronounced a-hee), was too hot for her, and the family just added it to their plates individually, so Jessie could eat too.

Farmers, the family had chickens, pigs, cows, cats, dogs, donkeys, oxen for their wooden plow, sheep, and a horse.

Jessie was shown how to spin wool with the drop spindles, something which is done mostly in the winter time when farming is less demanding.

One thing Jessie really enjoyed were the fiestas neighbors threw whenever a batch of corn beer (chicha) had been brewed and was ready for drinking. There was dancing to folk music and lots of gaiety.

Jessie is currently looking for a job till September, when she's hoping to go to university.



Wayne Ball and Nanci McNeill practise a few steps of the 'Charleston' on the left while Keith Mills and Audrey Houston socialize at a party scene being rehearsed for Globe's upcoming production of 'Mame'. Beginning Jan. 31 at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown (tickets may be ordered by calling 877-4323).

Acton swans gone camping

The swans of Fairy Lake have taken up their new winter residence without the aid of town staff.

While attempts were being made to sort out the fine details on a new winter home for the 14 birds, someone rounded them up and herded them to a local campground without authorization from anyone.

Recreation director Tom Shepard said Breezes Campground owner Robert Meirs had offered to accommodate the town's swans along with his own at his property on the lake. However

some details about liability were still to be worked out over the weekend. The actual rounding up was to be arranged with animal control officer Joe Kirley.

Public works superintendent Frank Moretto said the move was discovered when staff went to check on the birds as they always do.

Mr. Shepard said he had discussed taking the swans to the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre with the Halton Region Conservation Authority before Christmas, but that arrangement fell through because Mountsberg doesn't have a facility with running water.

He understood Mr. Mairs was a friend of Dr. David van der Bent, the man who donated the original swans to the town and also donated a bubbler in 1983 to keep the lake open for the birds.

The bubbler had been moved to the Breezes, Mr. Shepard said, and when he contacted Mr.

Mairs about taking the birds, the gentleman agreed.

He never did talk to the Kortright Waterfowl Park in Guelph about the birds and he felt the Breezes would be a more suitable and less traumatic solution to the situation.

"I hope it will be to everyone's satisfaction," he said.

—Courtesy Guelph Mercury



NEW IN TOWN

The Kidney Foundation Georgetown chapter received their charter from the national office recently and on hand to handle the milestones were Norman Treiter (left) president of the Georgetown unit and Coun. John McDonald.

Board appointments

Appointments to various local boards and committees for 1985 were Monday night by town councillors.

Appointed to the Georgetown Memorial Hospital board were incumbents Couns. Phil Carney and Finn Poulstrup. Coun. Dave Whiting was appointed to the board as a regional representative.

Couns. Marilyn Serjantson and Mike Armstrong were appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. Regional chairman Peter Pomoroy was nominated but lost.

Incumbents Mayor Russ Miller and Coun. Hoss Knechtel were returned to their seats on the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Coun. Jake Kulken lost the nomination.

As well, incumbents Couns. Serjantson and Knechtel were returned to the Community School Administration Committee.

Coun. Peter Norton

YOUR OPINION



TOM HAYES: "In case the children ever go missing. There are so many darn things going on now a days when you read the paper."



JEAN CAIRNS: "It's the concern of all the missing children. God forbid, I don't want to have to use it, but you're prepared."



SIMONE WARD: "They're everything to me. If they get lost or anything this is a good way to have them identified right away."



KAREN NICHOLL: "I've seen the movie 'Adam' and a couple of others at the theatre which tugged at my heart. It could have been one of mine."

Recreation Report

MORNING POWERSKATING
An advanced level powerskating course is being offered at the Georgetown Memorial Arena, Monday mornings 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. This course would be most beneficial to anyone currently playing on a rep hockey team.

There is also a powerskating course at the Acton Arena Tuesdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Call your recreation department at 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information

WINTERFEST
The Annual Winterfest Broomball Tournament is being organized for Saturday, Feb. 2. Watch your newspaper for further developments.

Correction

In last week's Herald we reported there were two downtown Georgetown homes for the mentally retarded established over the holiday season. The address for the Market Street residence should have been 53 Market St. The Herald regrets the error.

Artist talk

Spend an afternoon with an artist. At Crawford Lake Conservation Centre Gery Puley will be available to talk to the public Jan. 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.