

# The Wolf family saga comes to an end in Georgetown

By John Sommer

To Anna Wolf, the far-off city of Hamilton seemed to promise her everything she was missing in the unlovely bush country her father had brought his family to in 1913. Yet, in the years since they moved there, the country around Matheson had changed into a fairly bustling neighborhood.

After the first World War, Waldemar Wolf's brothers, Paul, Ernst and Oswald had come with their families from Germany and bought land near Waldemar's farm. Paul was not married. He was a furrier who made coats from the furs the trappers brought him. Ernst and Oswald were married and had children. In the later 20's the old parents of Waldemar Wolf and his three brothers came to Canada too, to live in the country all their sons had adopted. Around the same time, Anna's older brothers, Jack and Oswald, bought their own timber lots only two miles from the family homestead, where they cut pulpwood during the cold season. These two had families of their own by now. The tenacity and the diligence of all the Wolfs had turned the former wilderness into a settlement where four generations of one family

worked and played.

In spite of all this, Anna Wolf left to return to the city of her early childhood. Once there, she found a job at the Deering Harvester Grist Mill as a grain separating operator.

Not long after her arrival in Hamilton, she went to a party where she met Bill Bingham, a tall, handsome Irishman and former member of the Ulster Constabulary who had left Ireland after the 1922 uprising.

They fell in love and married in 1928. The groom had a good job delivering milk with a dairy wagon. Anna Wolf's dreams seemed to turn into reality.

In 1931, the Bingham's oldest son, Bill Jr., was born who, much later, became a popular teacher at our high school here in Georgetown.

But in 1933, Anna's dreams came to a premature end. The depression caught up with the Bingham's, as with most of the other people of North America and Bill Sr. lost his dairy route. With a very heavy heart they retreated to the Wolf farm in Matheson and moved in with Anna's parents. Eventually, they got a timber lot on which they built a log house and made a precarious

## Ideas & the Arts

living cutting trees for pulpwood. Hard years were ahead of them.

In the long winters their only transportation to and from Matheson, as well as for visiting their many relatives, was by dog sled. One had to be self-reliant in those circumstances, because help and assistance were not just a phone call away. A little daughter of theirs died of pneumonia in 1935, adding pain to her parent's difficult existence. Later that year, Anna gave birth to her second son and that eased her pain about the lost daughter, as she told me a good year ago.

In 1938, after five years of hard toil on the timber lot, Bill Bingham got a job as a guard in Monteith, a prison farm 25 miles north of Matheson. Anna Bingham took over a boardinghouse for gold prospectors in Monteith and the Bingham's lived with their growing family in the same house for some time.

A girl was born in 1939. A year later a second daughter followed, and another son in 1941. In the same year, the prison farm was turned into a prisoner-of-war camp for officers of the German navy and the Bingham's

had to move again. Bill Bingham senior secured a job as a truck driver for a gold mine in South Porcupine, another 30 miles north of Monteith.

In South Porcupine, Bill and Anne rented a house from the mine in which they lived with their children until 1955.

Waldemar Wolf, the formidable father of his strong-willed daughter, died in 1942.

In 1955 the Bingham family moved to Terra Cotta and in 1957 they finally moved into their own house on Emery Street, in Georgetown, where Anna lived, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren to a ripe old age. She died at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital on November 15, 1992.

We complain about the recession we are in, but can we even compare our discomforts to the hard life of the pioneers and to the destructive force of the depression before the last war?

Art Exhibition  
Bev Didur, one of the most inventive artists in our region, is at present exhibiting new monoprints at the Gallery of the Cultural Centre in Georgetown. These prints are absolutely delightful. They all

depict fishes swimming in the refracted light of their underwater habitat. Turn slowly around in the middle of the gallery. You will have the impression of being in an aquarium. These prints look childlike but they are far from simple. The artist is using her materials to the utmost and the result is perfection. The exhibition will continue to April 18.

John Sommer has been the director of Gallery House Sol, on Charles St. in Georgetown since 1962.

## Love blooms in Canada for Anna Wolf

## Citizen of the Year tickets still available to public

Acton resident John Toebes Sr. will be honored April 30 by the Acton's Lions Club as the 1992 Acton Citizen of the Year.

According to Acton Lions Club member Dave Pyke, sales for the dinner and awards ceremony are going well, but he assures that a number of tickets are still available.

The dinner and awards ceremony will be held at the Acton Legion, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. and the awards ceremony scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

Toebes was recognized as Acton's 1992 Citizen of the Year

for his involvement in the community minor sports scene, specifically, baseball, hockey and soccer.

For the past 20 years, he has donated a substantial portion of his time and energy to Acton house league hockey.

The dinner and ceremony is open to the public. Anyone wishing to attend may purchase tickets from any Lions Club member, or by telephoning Dave Pyke at 853-4534.

HALTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Car fatality

A loud bang and subsequent power outage startled residents of Tremaine Road and 3 Side Road in Milton on Thursday morning at 4 a.m. Police and firefighters arrived to find a car had flipped over in the ditch and knocked down two hydro poles. The 1993 Chevrolet, which was still running, was in between hanging electrical wires, and there was a small gas leak. The hydro was shut off and the leak was contained.

The coroner attended the scene and pronounced the sole occupant of the vehicle dead. 30-year-old David Douglas Reid of Rockwood was killed instantly. Police are still investigating the accident.

## NEW CAR FINANCING

**5.8%**  
CONTINUES...

\*Until April 30/93

NORTHEND

NISSAN

MILTON 878-4137



## ELECTRONIC SERVICE

AT A PRICE THAT WON'T JOLT YOU!

- VCRs • HOME & CAR STEREOS
- PORTABLES • CDs
- TURNTABLES • VIDEO GAMES
- COMPUTERS • ETC.

90 DAY GUARANTEE • FREE ESTIMATES

ALL SERVICE PERFORMED ON PREMISES BY QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS  
For the Best Service At The Best Price Call

### HOURS

TUES. - FRI.  
9:00 - 6:00  
SATURDAY  
9:00 - 5:00

## GEORGETOWN CUSTOM CAR SOUND

55 SINCLAIR AVENUE  
GEORGETOWN  
ONTARIO

SERVING HALTON  
HILLS & AREA  
SINCE 1978

877-2425

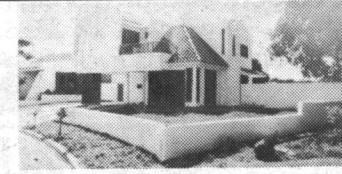


### NICE AND PRIVATE \$164,900

Attractively priced Rockwood bungalow on terraced 66 x 132 treed lot. 3 bedrooms plus fourth in professionally finished basement. Ideal in-law accommodation. Large rec room with fireplace. County Kitchen. Central vac. Laundry. 2 full bathrooms. Call John Bloss\* 856-4348, Res. 856-4527. RMRW92-34

Due to a successful year to date, I am eager to work on new listings.

Call me for concentrated, personal real estate service.



### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Winter retreat in the Caribbean. Within a strong Canadian/American Community. Complete with all rattan furnishings. Can be rented for investment income. Vendor will cover air-return for two on completing of inspection and purchase. \$199,900. Call for details. John Bloss\* 856-4784/856-4527. RMRW92-27

YOUR PROPERTY ADVERTISED EVERY WEEK, UNTIL SOLD!!!

## Complimentary Market Evaluation

This certificate entitles the bearer to one "complimentary" market analysis of their home's current value.

RE/MAX BLUE SPRINGS REALTY (HALTON) CORP.  
132 Main Street S.  
ROCKWOOD

Tel: 856-4348  
Res: 856-4527



W. John Bloss  
Sales Associate

Member Guelph & Brampton Real Estate Boards

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated.

Not intended to solicit properties currently for sale.

Golfers...  
DID YOU KNOW?



with Len Dodds

### The Golf Ball

The first golf balls were solid spheres of ivory, beechwood, boxroot, or other hardwoods. In the 14th century the "Featherie" was invented. This was a piece of tanned horsehide stuffed with goose feathers and sewn together. The "Guttie" was the next major innovation around 1845. It was a solid mass of gum from the Malaysian Spodilla tree. The 3 piece wound ball with a balata cover evolved in the early 1900's and dominated the market until 1964. In that year a surlyn cover was introduced to the 3 piece ball. The surlyn cover added a durability to the ball which the balata did not have.

Today about 75% of pro line balls are surlyn. Later in the 60's the injection molded two piece ball was made popular. This is a core with a surlyn cover. This ball is less expensive to make than a 3 piece ball and is very difficult to cut. Although frowned on by tour players and better amateurs a very large portion of the golfing population use the two piece ball.

And as the unknown golfer says:

If most of us gripped our knife and fork as incorrectly as we grip our golf clubs we would most likely starve to death.

### For Sale

Left Hand - PUTTERS - Right Hand

\$19.95 - \$29.95

### GOLF CLUB REPAIR

- Custom-Made Clubs
- Custom Fitting
- Jumbo Drivers
- New and Used Clubs for sale
- Repairs to all makes

877-0833