



"Dear Elizabeth":

A walk in spring

Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkman, Oberrahmede, Germany.  
Dear Elizabeth:  
On this warm and sunny spring morning, I would like you to accompany me on an imaginary trip through our village — imaginary for you, but a reality for me those many years ago when I was small. At that time, errands on foot as far away as a mile or two were not uncommon and I have accompanied an older sister or brother on many of them.

We will start out by walking on a narrow boardwalk built for pedestrians, as sometimes the roads were ankle deep in mud. This started at the Methodist Church on the corner just a field away to the south of us and continued on down through the village. We cross the creek on stepping stones and go over the hill to the north. We pass a grey, weather-beaten old house which belongs to our father and is known as "the other place" and is on a 50-acre parcel of land acquired when father extended his farming operations. There are old-fashioned white narcissus in bloom along the edge of what used to be the lawn, so we pick a few as they are giving off a delightful fragrance in the warm sunshine.

As we go down along the hillside toward the village we find that the purple lilacs that abound there are in bloom and we break off a few branches, as our errand will take us to a house on the other side of the village where we are taking a basket of goodies to a shut-in friend of the family, and we think she will enjoy a bouquet. We go past the blacksmith shop on the right hand side of the road and we can hear the ringing sound of steel as the smithy shapes the shoes for the horses in the community. Work horses are shod on the front feet and the road horse shod on all four as the roads are beginning to be surfaced with sharp stone, so the smith is kept busy. It is

Breathless in Highville

Our little sail trip over, we continue up the hillside which is covered with shrubbery and very steep. This is a short cut and is used a lot by people going up and down the hill; wooden steps with a hand rail make it easier, but there are over a hundred of them so we are breathless when we come out into the open at the top of the hill. We seem to be in another country, but it is just Highville, so named to distinguish it from the part of the village that lies in the valley.

There are half a dozen or so houses in this part of the village as well as the big, square cement block building which is the telephone office. The telephone company is privately owned and the inside of the building is familiar to us as we often go there with our father who sometimes works for the owner by transporting poles and other equipment on his farm wagon.

After delivering our bouquet which is much appreciated and the basket which contains a freshly baked custard, a jar of red apple jelly and some dainty cupcakes, we start back. This time we are going down the hill by way of the road and we will go past the grist mill and the pond. There is a road bridge over the canal-like strip of water that runs between the pond and the mill that we call the "race" but I do not know why it is so named. We do not cross over the bridge however, but turn off and walk along the north side of the pond until we come to a large woods. We know we will find millions of spring

a temptation to tarry a while and watch as he uses the bellows to blow up the fire, then takes the tonks and removes the red-hot steel and places it on the anvil to pound it into shape, making the sparks fly. We are allowed to watch quietly from the doorway but this morning we must hurry on.

Coming out on the level of the valley floor, we hear a humming sound, and realize that the bees from the apiary on the right are making use of the pretty day to gather honey from the various blossoms. It is a little too early for the apple orchards to be in bloom but the wild cherry and plum trees that dot the fence corners are white with blossoms. We pass the little country store and leave the main road to walk on down a grassy common past the stone school house where I will later go to school. We look longingly into the cool woods on each side of the creek to the left, but must deliver our basket before some harm comes to it. We know there are blue, yellow and white violets and Jack-in-the-pulpit there and that the green lush ferns will be unfolded enough to be fresh and pretty, but we cross over the foot bridge that takes us across the Twelve Mile Creek which I have mentioned before.

The bridge is wide enough for people to meet comfortably and there is a wooden hand rail along the side for protection. There are three cement pillars supporting it and it is approximately 90 feet long and about six feet above the water—maybe more. The bottom of the creek at this point is covered with many huge boulders around which the swiftly flowing water makes many swirling eddies. If we stand still and look over the railing into the water, as it flows away from us, we can merrily sail away upstream, but as soon as we lift our eyes to the land on each side of the creek, the journey ends.

hepaticas, commonly called Mayflowers, and we help ourselves to a handful, mauve, pink, blue and white ones among them.

In these woods also can be found a little onion-like vegetable that we crave as the first green food after a long winter, and it is known as the wild leek. The whole family will enjoy them, so we gather quite a quantity, using our empty basket as a container. They are nice to eat now when they are young and tender, as they will get strong and tough later in the season. It will be well if we do not go anywhere for a day or two after having a feed of leeks, as the flavor stays with us in the form of a very objectionable "breath odor," but if the whole family eats them, no one is offended. It is better if school children eat them on weekends only, as it has been known to happen that school teachers who are not partial to leeks sometimes expel the pupils who are, until the odor has worn off.

We are warm and hungry as we come back out onto the road and head for home and as we pass the store we have made a complete circle, then retrace our steps as we climb the hill toward home. Thus has passed a very pleasant morning and I hope you have enjoyed the walk with us.

Best regards,  
ELEANOR COULTER

Pessimist: the best luck any man can have is not to have been born, but that seldom happens to anyone.

11 accidents in July total

Milton Police report 11 accidents occurred within the department's jurisdiction during July. The crashes, five of them causing more than \$100 damage each, caused a total property loss of \$1,325.

Total accidents for 1967 so far is 112, with July's one injury bringing the number of people hurt in collisions to nine.

Five hit-and-runs were reported.

The majority of motor incidents occurred between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and the period between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. remained accident-free.

Saturday was the most accident-prone day for Miltonians. Total property damage for the year so far is \$22,040.

Exhibit features water importance

Use and importance of water has increased greatly in the last 100 years, and this, together with some of the modern ways of coping with today's water problems, are featured this year by the Ontario Water Resources Commission's exhibit program.

Visitors to nine upcoming Ontario fairs and exhibitions will be shown how water is used today, and given an outline of four major OWRC projects, including its Great Lakes and northern Ontario survey operations, water pipelines, and industrial waste program.

The display will be shown at Leamington, Peterborough, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Stratford, Markham and Erin.

Toronto will be visited twice, with a 100-foot display in the Ontario Government building at the Canadian National Exhibition and a smaller exhibit at the Royal Winter Fair in November.

41 Senior Citizens

Tour Toronto city hall, High Park

Forty-one members of Milton Senior Citizens' Club journeyed by bus for a tour of Toronto city hall and were addressed for a few minutes by Metro chairman William Allen in the council chambers. T. A. Hutchinson, O.C., responded on behalf of the club with some very well chosen words of thanks, which were well received by Mr. Allen.

Dewar Thomson asked Mr. Allen if he would consider becoming a member of Milton's council and Mr. Allen replied, stating that he thought it would be a better idea that Milton become a suburb of Metropolitan Toronto.

After the city hall tour, the club members were escorted by a police motorcycle escort on a tour through the Exhibit

**FLIES TO GERMANY**  
Miss Rose Clausnitzer of Main Street West has returned from a four week flight trip to Germany and Austria, where she was visiting relatives and friends.



MR. AND MRS. W. C. LAWRENCE were married recently at Christ Church, Anglican, Clarkson. The bride is the former Carol Ann Axworthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Axworthy, 20th Street, New Toronto. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawrence, Oakville.

War does not determine who is right — only who is left.

grounds and on to the Grenadier restaurant in High Park where all enjoyed a lovely chicken or turkey dinner. Following dinner, everyone walked around the park admiring the beautiful flower arrangements and taking pictures, till 4 p.m.

Early councillor's descendant visits

Miss Ruth Robson Mitchell, formerly of Winnipeg, who has just returned from a cruise around the world and touring abroad for the past year, is visiting her cousin Mrs. W. M. Scott and Mr. Scott of Main Street West, Milton, before taking up residence in Toronto.

Miss Mitchell is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Robson. Mr. Robson was one of the first town councillors of Milton and an early proprietor of the Robson Block that is now the Charles Hotel and library of Milton.



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Drivers age 16 to 24 were involved in 74,500 accidents on Ontario roads last year—an increase of 12 percent over 1965. Fatal accidents claimed 660 lives in this group—an increase of 10 percent since 1965.

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This year, about 275 Ontario high schools will have driver instruction courses approved by the Ontario Department of Education and the Ontario Department of Transport. These courses are under the control of the local school board and principal and do not interfere with regular school classes.

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Lawrence - Axworthy

Marriage vows were exchanged between Carol Ann Axworthy and William Cecil Lawrence in a ceremony at Christ Church United in Clarkson on June 10. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Axworthy, 46 20th St., New Toronto, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawrence of Oakville.

Yellow mums and white gladioli decorated the church for the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Robert Oliver. Alan Gent was the organist and Mrs. Vera Cook, the soloist.

The bride, as she was given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a floor length dress of white organza over taffeta with fitted bodice, scoop neckline and elbow length sleeves. Her A-line skirt which was re-embroidered with Chantilly lace and crusted with seed pearls, formed a flowing panelled train at back.

She wore an elbow length veil of pure silk illusion, caught up to a headpiece of white bouvardia flowers. Her bouquet was a cascade of white carnations and lily-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Allan Haggert was matron of honor, Miss Pat Francis and Mrs. Paul Hansen were bridesmaids, and Miss Jane Lake was a junior bridesmaid.

All were dressed alike in full length gowns of apple green organza over taffeta in empire style with elbow length sleeves and A-line skirts. Three matching organza roses led into a full length panel at back. Their headpieces were matching organza roses and they carried cascades of yellow mums and baby roses.

The best man was Nelson Lawrence, brother of the groom, while Al Axworthy, brother of the bride, Paul Hansen and Calvin Lightfoot served as

ushers. Robert Thompson was the photographer.

For the reception held at the Ascot Inn, the bride's mother received in a matching coat and dress of pink pure silk, with hand beading around the collar of the coat and neck of the dress. A matching pink tulle hat, purse and shoes, white gloves and orchid corsage completed the ensemble.

She was assisted by the groom's mother in a dress of

heavenly blue crepe, white tulle hat, white accessories and a corsage of white roses.

The bride chose a travelling outfit of shrimp colored silk shantung dress and jacket on the A-line with matching turban hat, bone colored accessories and orchid corsage, for her wedding trip to Virginia, North Carolina and Washington.

Out-of-town guests were from Bermuda, California, Rochester, Odessa, Milton, Windsor, Hornby, Guelph, Brantford, Welland and Georgetown.

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OAKVILLE

Pickpockets were active during the three-day Oakville Lions Club carnival at Coronation Park in west Oakville.

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