

Champion Family Page

Exciting trip to Africa described by Mrs. D. Hill

"Jambo". This is an African word of greeting. This was how Mrs. Hilda Hill, of Milton introduced her topic to the University Women's Club of Milton and District on Thursday, Jan. 3. Hilda, her husband Doug, and their two sons Greg and Stewart recently travelled to Africa. Mrs. Hill showed slides taken on their trip with a commentary on each one.

The Hills travelled by Volkswagen Bus in Kenya and Tanzania. There were 24 people in the group, travelling in five passenger buses. The Hills' guide was a Kapsikas African, who spoke Swahili. The trip started in Nairobi, continued to Mount Kenya, south to Tanzania, up to Kenya and back to Nairobi. Nairobi is a modern-looking city at an altitude of 5500 feet with a population of 500,000. The Hills travelled through the great Rift Valley, 30 miles outside of Nairobi. This valley extends 4,000 miles and can be up to 3,000 feet deep.

The Hills travelled to "Treetops". This was the hotel that Queen Elizabeth was visiting at the time of her father's death. Guests here leave their luggage at the Outspan Hotel, take only a light bag and walk to Treetops accompanied by a white hunter. Here visitors must close their windows because the baboons will steal. At Treetops there is a large waterhole where many animals come all night long, because it is illuminated by artificial moonlight.

The next morning the Hills returned to the Outspan Hotel for breakfast before leaving for Mount Kenya. At this hotel is the cottage where Lord Baden-Powell died. On their way to Mount Kenya the Hills visited a school. The school had a dirt floor, and no windows or doors in the openings. The children sat on planks with another plank in front of them to write on. There was no paper or pencils and the children wrote with chalk. A teacher's salary here is about 50 shillings a month (\$7.00). They also visited a typical home from which these children come. It is divided into two rooms, one for cooking their meals and one for sleeping. There are no beds, just bedding and clothing on the floor.

The Hills stayed one night at the Mount Kenya Safari Club, which is owned by William Holden, the movie actor. It is a bird sanctuary and many birds such as the

crown crane and the superb starling can be seen.

At Lake Nakuru, from a distance a pinkish haze can be seen over the water. This is, on closer inspection, 1,500,000 flamingoes.

In the Masai Mara Game Reserve the Hills stayed at Keekorok Lodge. Here they took many pictures of the wildlife — gazelles, black-face monkeys, zebras, vultures, lions, rhinoceros, maribou stork, wildebeests, hartebeests, ostriches and hyenas. The ostriches have a stride of 15 feet. The hyenas live underground.

In the Serengeti National Park, there was one very heavy rain. In half an hour, the ground was completely flooded. The roads on their trip were very rarely paved and several times the buses were stuck in the mud.

Local screws

At Lobo Lodge where the Hills stayed, they discovered lamps with P. L. Robertson screws in them. Near here, the Hills were able to get several excellent pictures of a leopard in a tree. Leopards do not have spots but rosettes. They were able to take a picture of seven cheetahs. It is unusual to see so many together.

The Hills visited the Ngorongoro Crater, which is the largest in the world. It is 12 miles wide, 1,800 feet deep, with a salt water lake in the middle. There is also a fresh water lake and fresh water streams run through. This crater was formed when the mountain erupted and the lava fell back in on itself. There is a rain forest along the edge of the crater. From the top no animals can be seen, although there are many in the crater. Inside the crater they saw rhinoceros, crown crane, yellow-billed stork, sacred ibis. The lions here are black maned.

At Lake Manyara inside the Rift Valley, the lions sleep in the trees.

The Hills visited an African market at Arusha in Tanzania. Here the women carry their burdens on their heads. Elsewhere, the women carry them on their backs.

They also visited the Masai Amboseli Game Reserve, Mount Kilimanjaro, Tsavo National Park, the Shetani Lava Flow, and Mimsa Springs (where a Walt Disney movie had been filmed).

The Hills returned to Nairobi after 11 days, travelling 1,800 miles. Each day was long and strenuous.

The slides included many of the various animals seen in Africa and also much of the flora of the area — camelthorn trees, bougainvillea, hibiscus, orchids, jacaranda trees, acacia trees.

Mrs. Hill was introduced by Mrs. Isobel Thompson. Mrs. Elizabeth Frame expressed for everyone thanks for a fascinating presentation.

Warrior camp

Here they visited a Masai Manyatta. This is a warriors' encampment of the Masai tribe and women of this tribe have shaven heads. Their life span is only about 40 years, due to their diet. Most of the tribes do not allow pictures, but the Masai is an exception. The boys go to this encampment at the age of 14 to train for warfare. At 22 years of age, they become senior warriors and return to the tribe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hilson of Ottawa visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hilson, Commercial St. and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ferrier of Campbellville over the holidays.

Martin and Joanne Sobie, 559 Joyce Blvd. were visited over the holidays by Joanne's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Warren from Winnipeg. Also visiting was Joanne's sister Janine Warren.

Saturday with eight of his friends and his sister April.

Mrs. Margaret Kells of London spent the holidays with her niece and her husband Barbara and Larry Kneale, 395 Maplewood Cresc.

The Dorset Park Homeowners Association held their New Year's Eve dance at the Masonic Hall, Highway 25.

Sonic Sounds provided recorded music for dancing and a hot meal was provided by caterers.

President of the Association is Jim Anderson. Godfrey Marchand is chairman of the social committee. Jo-ane Sobie was in charge of hall preparations. Linda Bowers was in charge of food. Ginny Cyr handled tickets. Bill MacDonald handled clean up, and Bernie

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CANDLELIGHT WEDDING of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rabishaw took place in Grace Anglican Church Friday, Dec. 28, 1973. The bride is the former Ethel Prisniak of Milton. They are shown cutting the wedding cake at the reception at the Charles Hotel.

(Photo by Rand Studios)

Wedding

Rabishaw - Prisniak

The candle light wedding of Ethel Carolina Prisniak and Thomas Peter Rabishaw took place at Grace Anglican Church, Milton, Friday, Dec. 28, 1973. Rev. R. W. Foster officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Ethel is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Wild and the late Frank Wild of Milton. She is the mother of Mary Anne, George, Patsy and Bill.

Thomas is the son of Mrs. Irene Rabishaw and the late Andrew Rabishaw of R.R. 1, Deep River.

The bride's son, George

Prisniak, gave his mother away. Her other son Bill was the usher. The maid of honor and best man were friends of the bride and groom, Lorna and Alfrid Kerns.

The bride's dress and that of the maid of honor were made by the bride's daughter Mary Anne Henney. The wedding bands were carried on a small pillow for his grandmother by Jerry Henney.

An evening reception and dinner was held for 30 guests at the dining room of the Charles Hotel in Milton.

Lock gate at railway Mountsberg crossing

Halt Region Conservation Authority has installed locked gates across the railway crossing at Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. This action was prompted by the recent accident at Glen Eden Ski Area when one local man was killed and another seriously injured while crossing the CPR tracks on a snowmobile.

A winter recreational program which includes snowshoeing, skating, cross-country skiing and horse-drawn sleigh rides began at Mounts-

berg Jan. 5. The area is located by travelling west on Five Sideroad from Campbellville and north on the Town Line.

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Wedding

Brush - Schofield

The candlelight wedding of Maria Celeste Schofield and Harvey Kirk Brush took place Dec. 15, 1973 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. John Murray with Mrs. L. Vlasblom of Islington at the organ. The soloist Bill Brush, cousin of the groom, sang Morning is Broken. The Lord's Prayer, and The Wedding Song.

Celeste is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schofield of 244 Bell St. Milton. She is employed at Orenda Engines Ltd., Milton.

Kirk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brush, 3154 Main St. W., Milton. He is employed by Aisworth Electrical Ltd.

The bride wore a gold cross given to her by her father. The cross was given as a gift to her father by his godfather at his Greek baptism.

The maid of honor was Judy Joyce of Milton. Bridesmaids were Maureen Kitchen, Newmarket; Heidi Cripps, Cornwall; and Cindy Corp, Milton.

Best man was Peter Ledwith and ushers were Gordon Penney, Glen Scott, and Brad Brush.

Guests

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penney, grandparents of the bride, from Toronto; Mrs. Ernest Schofield, grandmother of the bride, from Halifax, N.S.; Mrs. Ozzie Jonah, aunt of the bride, from Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott, grandparents of the groom, from Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Penney, Cathy and Michael, from Billerica, Mass. Other guests were from London, Woodstock, Toronto, Cornwall, Ottawa, Newmarket, Oakville, Milton, and Ottawa.

A special family party was given for the bride and groom by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marsbergen of Milton, aunt and uncle of the bride. Showers were given by Mrs. Agnes Cassidy, Miss Judy Joyce and Mrs. William Scott.



MR. AND MRS. KIRK BRUSH (Celeste Schofield) were married in a candlelight ceremony at Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton. Celeste is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schofield of Milton. Kirk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brush, Milton. (Photo by W. Stuckey)

HRCA seeks golf club grant

A grant in the amount of \$200,000 is being sought by Halton Region Conservation Authority to help Burlington buy the Tyandaga Golf Club.

The club was abandoned as a private course several years ago and is costing Burlington \$485,000.

A.R. Wright, vice-chairman of the authority, assured members the course would be open to the public for summer and winter recreational activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Brush are living in Downsview. They both attended J.M. Denyes Public School and are graduates of Milton District High School. Celeste will receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Guelph University at convocation in February. Kirk is a former student of Miss Mollie MacGregor and a Scottish champion dancer.

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We welcome them to Milton.

Happy birthday wishes go to Enrichetta Bonin, R.R. 3 Milton who celebrates her birthday on Friday, Jan. 11.

Nicky and Michelle Gauthier and daughters Andrea and Erin, 605 Strathcona Cr. spent the Christmas holiday visiting Michelle's parents Mr. and Mrs. Camille Ducharme and Nicky's mother Mrs. Noella Gauthier in Mattawa.

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