Israeli kibbutz visited

by Joyce Beaton Hannah Servos and Trudy Bainbridge have spent the past month amid orange and grapefruit groves in 80 degree temperatures in Israel. "The trees were almost bent to the ground, fruit was so plentiful, and there are acres and acres of beautiful vineyards,"

Trudy relates. Hannah is the owner and manager of Milton Department Store and Trudy has been the bookkeeper there for the past 14 years. Both women enjoyed their trip in the company of Hannah's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Joe Loewith of

Copetown. Trudy was astonished with the greenery all around her, expecting to find the desert in particular dry and barren. Instead she was pleasantly surprised with the results of modern irrigation methods in the 25 year old country. Hannah had made the trip before and explains how before the State of Israel was formed there were only olive trees. "Now there are 260 million trees.

Trees planted In Eilot (a town about the size of Milton in the most southern part of the country) for every child born a tree is planted. It is interesting to see where in new sections there are few trees. You can tell the age of a section of the town by the size of the trees."

The sea of Galilee and the River Jordan are the only two bodies of fresh water in the country. Water is transported through a network of pipelines through the deserts as well as built-up areas. Citrus trees are irrigated by overhead sprays. Drinking water is de-salinated, the salt removed from the ocean water leaving well water free to be used for agricultural

of Jerusalem revealed how the whole area is being years. reconstructed. "They are really going by the Bible," Hannah says, "and the results are very successful." There are no cars allowed within the walls as the streets community until their death. casional donkey cart is used

for transportation. Nomads

A trip through the desert brought the women face to face with Nomad tribes with their tents and camels. "They are a very friendly people," Hannah says, "the women and children do all the work and the man doesn't do anything." She pauses for a minute and then chuckles, "It's for sure they aren't liberated!"

King Solomon's Mines were visited where now a modern copper mine employs 1,000 people. The women brought lovely gifts back for their friends and fellowworkers, some from the factory where beautiful filigree silver jewellery is made. The famous Eilot stone (a turquoise or green with black lines throughout) attractively set in the dark sterling silver of Israel. Kibbutz

The largest kibbutz (a communal farm and industrial complex of 1,700 souls) is located at Givat Brenner. The women were made welcome and had lunch in the community dining room with 800 members of the "family". There was no charge for the meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots,

stainless steel serving dishes. Everyone pitches in with doctorates alongside the cooks in the

Completely self-contained, the kibbutz in addition to the farms, has its own medical centre, hospital, hairdressers, schools, cultural centre, recreational activities and light industry. The form of government is by parliamentary system.

There is no crime in the A tour of the old walled city kibbutz and not even so much as a drunk arrested in 25

> People are free to develop their own particular talents and abilities. Those who can work do, and those who cannot are taken care of. The elderly remain part of the

The children do not live with their parents but have their own quarters. Both mountains made an en-Trudy and Hannah were joyable finale to their trip. impressed with how well-looked after, happy, talented

and apparently well-adjusted the children are. "I thought it was just marvellous the way the

children were taken care of with every opportunity given to develop their talents," Hannah said. The children spend only their leisure time with their parents, eating and sleeping in their totally selfcontained quarters. All furniture is built to scale. Parents are confident their children are well taken care of by kind and qualified

Bicycles Everyone on the kibbutz, from children to grandparents, gets around on bicycles. Each boy receives a new bicycle at his bar mitzvah. There is one communal phone and all cars belong to the community.

Only one incident marred the vacation. While visiting at a private home at Mordechei in the Golan Heights the women heard the sound of gunfire. The man of the house entered quietly from his work on the farm, picked up his machine gun and excused himself. The woman, accustomed somewhat to these military interruptions in her daily life, continued to serve Hannah and Trudy cakes and "It is quite an experience," said Hannah. Air raid shelters are noticeable throughout the country.

After a tew days at a Mediterranean resort, Nathanya, with its fine white sand and blue waters, the two women visited the Sea of Galilee and Tiberius, famous for its hot springs and view of Mount Hermon with its snowcovered peaks.

Before returning to Milton they spent three days in Switzerland at the Zurick International Hotel. A tour of Lucerne prompted Trudy to comment, "It's the cleanest city I've ever seen." However, Hannah was not as pleased when it cost her \$15 to have her hair washed and set.

A cable car ride up Mt. Rigi and a train ride through the

Allistair Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will be among special guests attending the Halton Liberal fund raising

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RE-LIVING THEIR TRIP to Israel last month are Trudy Bainbridge, left and Hannah Servos. Hannah is the owner and manager of Milton Department Store. Trudy has been bookkeeper there for 14 years.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

Auction sale, music entertain seniors

Milton Senior Citizens Club held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening, March 20 in the Presbyterian Church Hall, with Mrs. Frank Thompson, president and Mrs. Phyllis Peddie,

with some visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Harris, Mr. McArthur from Kilbride, C. of thankyou notes and Copeland and Jack Elliott. messages. Bob Laking Mrs. M. White and Miss Dorothy Lougheed greeted everyone at the door. O Canada was sung, with Mrs. Senior Citizens Orchestra

having a March birthday. come and join.

Committees report Mrs. Orlo Coulson is the new telephone convener and

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attendance was welcomed was getting her lists out. Mrs. Elmer Zimmerman, card convener, had quite a number reported on transportation

For the program the full A. Frank at the piano; also was present, giving their the birthday song for those program in two series of selections. Mrs. Tom Bradley The minutes of the last was their announcer, and meeting were read, approved named the members, Mrs. A. Frank at the piano, Steve treasurer's statement House, electric guitar, Mrs. received. There are 123 paid Dorothy Wilson, Guelph, up members, and the club banjo, Tom Bradley, violin would like new members to and bones, Ron Harris, violin and Andy Frank, violin. Mrs. Mabel MacNab gave two

> readings. A new feature was a miscellaneous sale. Each

member brought some article for the sale and Jack Elliott acted as auctioneer. Mrs. G. Thomas and Mrs. A. Peddie looked after the cash returns. Everyone enjoyed lunch and a cup of tea together.

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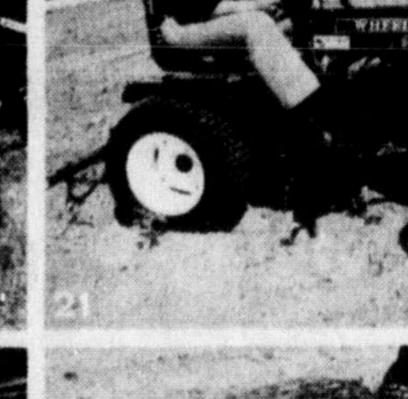
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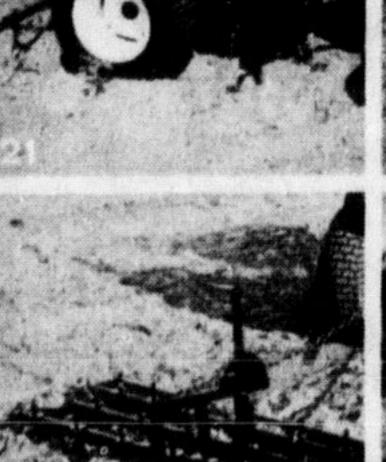
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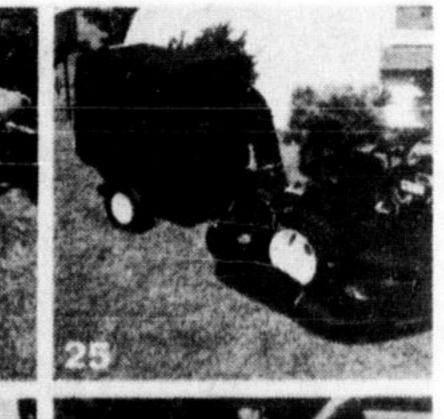




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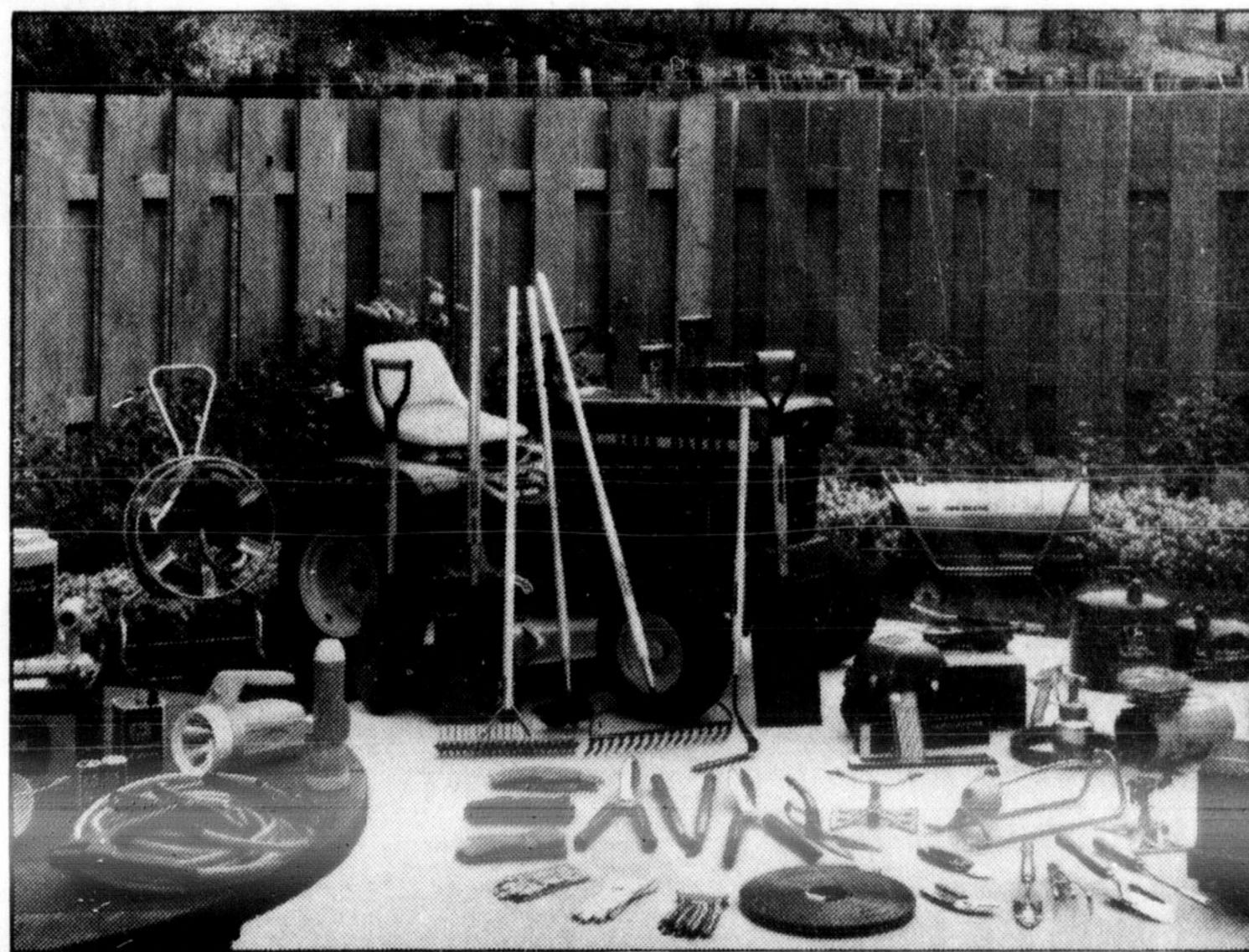
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