

Canon Frank Mason

# Safari included painful accident

by Joyce Beaton

There's still a great deal of adventure attached to an African safari as Canon Frank Mason, part-time assistant at Grace Anglican church learned recently. He was one of a party of 14, who under the leadership of Bishop Kenneth Maguire of Montreal toured Ethiopia and East Africa for a month. However, one unfortunate incident could have spoiled his whole trip.

As the mini-bus in which Canon Mason was a passenger toured in Tanzania, it hit a deep hole. The 83-year-old priest shot out of his seat, hit his head on the roof of the bus and came down sharply on his spine. As he recalls the incident he lay in supreme pain until a flying doctor flew the 80 miles from Nairobi and took him to an awaiting ambulance. He spent the next week in a Nairobi hospital, missing the part of the journey to Mombasa, a beach resort on the Pacific Ocean.

**A good shot**

In spite of his unfortunate accident, Canon Mason looks back on the safari with fond memories. He managed to shoot many wild animals with his camera and has a story to tell of a fellow traveller who was having difficulty finding a leopard to photograph. The guide finally tracked a leopard which had been stalking gazelles. Much to everyone's disappointment the animal hid itself from view. "Just then," Canon Mason relates, "the man stuck his head through the window at the top of the bus to get a better view. The wind caught his hat. As the hat sailed through the air the leopard bounded after it, caught it and holding it tightly in its jaws, shook it much to the delight of the onlookers. It was a rather amusing experience."

**Rebellion**

Besides the safari the tour included a night in Rome where Canon Mason took in St. Peter's Cathedral and the Forum. The seven days in Ethiopia proved to be an unsettling experience with soldiers in the streets with tommy guns. All airports and highways were closed down as a result of the troop rebellion and the tour was more or less imprisoned in the commercial capital, Asmara.

Leaving this troubled city they spent two nights in Axum, the ancient capital of the country. It is a modern city, the centre of the government and has nice parks and boulevards.

Canon Mason is particularly interested in the fact that the Ethiopian people have a connection with the Holy Land. The Queen of Sheba and King Solomon had a son Menelik I at Axum. Because of the proximity to Egypt the religion and architecture is similar to that great country. The main teachings of Christianity are followed in the Coptic Church although Moslems are also well represented.

**Missing link**

The tour visited the Olduvai Gorge where archeological diggings have turned up what is considered to be the missing link. A massive skull found by Dr. and Mrs. Leakey in 1959 is believed to be in a direct line of descent to modern man. So far, no reliable dates have been established as to the age of the skull but lava in the bottom of the Gorge has been dated at 1,850,000 years. At any rate it is considered to be the oldest pre-human skull in existence.

The tour ended with a trip through Zurich in Switzerland and on to Amsterdam where the spring flowers were in bloom.



CANON FRANK MASON, home safely after his unfortunate accident while on safari in Africa, shows the carvings he brought for his three grandchildren.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

# Dog control in Milton

Dog control will be carried out in Milton, after July 1, by Halton Hills Animal Control, a Limehouse-based firm, if the recommendation of Milton Council's administration committee is approved.

Dog control in urban Milton has been carried out by the Oakville and District Humane Society for a number of years. The society was not interested in providing the service for the larger town.

George Herrington, owner of Halton Hills Animal Control, told the council administration committee,

Monday, his pound at Limehouse was government inspected monthly and the pens had recently been expanded to accommodate up to 45 dogs. The firm has been in operation since 1963 serving Acton, Esquesing and Georgetown. It continues to serve Halton Hills.

Daily patrols

Replying to a suggestion from Councillor Jim Watson that patrols should be in the rural areas with call service in the urban area, Herrington said it would be too costly and a waste of time. He proposed

daily patrols in the urban areas with service in the rural areas on a call basis.

The patrols in the town would be on a staggered basis at various times. Animals would be reclaimed at the Limehouse pound and the committee agreed to redemption fees of \$7 for the first offense, \$10 for the second and \$20 for the third plus \$2 daily for pound fees.

The agreement provides for payment for the service on the basis of 70 cents per capita of town population, estimated over 16,000.



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Need support, not sympathy

# Handicapped adults potential encouraged

It has been eight years since Winifred Isham assumed directorship of ARC, the Adult Rehabilitation Centre workshop for the adult mentally retarded in Halton. Since 1966 she has seen it grow from a one room school house with a pail-a-day toilet and seven trainees, to the efficient operation it is today. Today 21 trainable adults are given the opportunity to live useful lives. They develop to the maximum of their abilities, acquire self-respect and in some cases are able to find employment outside the sheltered atmosphere.

Believing a civilization is judged by the manner in which it cares for its handicapped members, the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded feels the workshop is the best means of integrating the handicapped into the community.

**Factory-school**  
The workshop is a type of multi-purpose factory and school, all in one, providing useful employment and training for handicapped males and females from the ages of 18 to 65.

Four years ago the workshop went into full production of ceramics. Attractive and useful pieces are turned out daily and sold at home parties and local fairs. Repairing lawn chairs is another idea that has proved successful, with customers coming as far away as Toronto and Meaford

to have their chairs re-woven. Mrs. Isham is a warm and sensitive woman devoted to following her conviction that retarded adults can and should live useful lives and develop their potentials. A nurse at Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for several years, she worked with what she refers to as special children. There she came to the realization that there were children far worse off than her own handicapped child "Sick Kids taught me a big lesson," she admits. "I saw cases there far worse than mine, at least my son could be trained and could develop."

**Saw need**  
Although full of kindness and understanding, Mrs. Isham does not let her feelings rule her actions. She is adamant that all she wants for her workers is an opportunity to show what they can do—not out of sympathy, but because the potential of the handicapped has never been realized or utilized.

She quickly saw the need for a workshop when she became a member of the executive of the association. In this capacity she visited homes and saw the desperate need to bring the young adults into a social atmosphere where they could work apart from exploitation, neglect, and even cruelty. In those days she and one volunteer, Edna Dance, would fetch the trainees in their cars and take them to the workshop. Six months

later they got their own bus, one of the largest expenses of running the operation. The area covered is all of North Halton and it takes two hours to complete the pick-up each morning. The staff has expanded to include three instructors.

**Auxiliary**  
A very active auxiliary to the association has a membership of 60 people. It is divided into three areas, Milton, Acton and Georgetown, and concerns itself with various fund raising activities throughout the year.

The Flowers of Hope Campaign is currently in progress with seeds being mailed to every household in the area. Money is needed to build a new residence for handicapped adults, people whose own parents can no longer care for them in their homes.



CUTTING ANNIVERSARY CAKE is ARC director Winifred Isham. Instructor Joan Jones and trainee Richard Hunt anxiously await a piece of cake to celebrate the eight years the workshop for handicapped adults has been in operation.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

Hornby

# Ball club to start season in late May

by Mrs. Jim Hamilton  
At the last meeting of the executive of the Hornby Ball Club, Dave Leslie reported the schedules are being drawn up for the season and the first games will commence at Hornby Park the week following the 24th of May weekend. There are still a few openings on the girls' teams and in the Bantam and Pee Wees boys' division. Registration will remain open until each team has 15 registered players. President John Wallace reported that the 26th annual garden party is in the initial planning stages and will again be held the third Saturday of July. The North Trafalgar Euchre Club held their

weekly euchre party on Saturday night, April 27. There were 10 tables of euchre in play with the prizes going to the following winners, Lena Hamilton with a score of 103, Hazel Preston, Mildred Mason and Audrey Wilson. The gent's prizes were won by Clare Wilson with a score of 100, Jimmie Cunningham, May Sammit and Joe Ellis. Get well wishes are extended to George Leslie, who is in the Milton District Hospital.

**Happy anniversary**  
Anniversary greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Goodfellow, who will celebrate their anniversary on May 3.

Birthdays greetings are extended to Joe Saliba, who will celebrate his birthday on May 4. Best wishes to Joe.

Birthdays greetings are extended to Joanne McMillan, who celebrated her ninth birthday on Saturday. Those who attended were Susan Royce, Kendra Hamilton, Annalee Godt and Janice Pickett. From there they went to the bowling alley at Streetsville. Following the bowling hot dogs and a large birthday cake were enjoyed by all. The cake was decorated with

dimes. **May date**  
Birthday greetings are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Garry Break, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 12.

Birthdays greetings are extended to Wilmer Mason, who will celebrate his birthday on May 8, and to Susan Jepson who will celebrate her birthday on May 9.

Mrs. Len Buckler will celebrate her birthday on May 3 and the Bucklers will also celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 3. Best wishes to Len and Rene.

# "Poultry Please" food forum

By Doreen Bannister  
Plan to attend the Food Forum "Poultry Please" to be presented by the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

It is planned for Thursday evening, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown.

A team of Home Economists will demonstrate recipes using poultry products and give suggestions for including them in a variety of menus.

There is no admission charge, and everyone interested in foods and nutrition is encouraged to come.

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