



THE CANADIAN SNOWBIRDS orchestra had a grand time while winter holidaying in Florida. Tom and Grace Bradley of Milton formed the group and Tom was bandmaster while the band made several engagements. Tom is the fiddler,

standing fourth from left; Grace is a vocalist, shown at the right. The pianist was Mae Crawford of Campbellville, pictured fourth from the right.

Work with natives of W. Africa described

A former Peace Corps volunteer and agricultural missionary told Milton Rotarians about his work in West Africa at the club's meeting last week.

Steven Estav, of Williamsburg Pa., stressed the importance of working with the natives of Togo to develop

their skills rather than imposing North American technology.

Currently a student at Guelph University, Mr. Estav was emphasizing the aspects of Rotary's international understanding programs. He had spent three years with the Peace Corps and then

worked with the United Church of Christ as an agricultural engineer.

He described Togo, a former French colony in West Africa, as one of the most peaceful.

The speaker reviewed the major products of the country and the climatic variations of

the areas, the life style and the projects in which he was involved.

Part of his work was with a well drilling co-operative in which his organization supplied technology and equipment and local communities provided manpower, some financing and accommodation for the supervisor. The importance of clean water available in a village was stressed, as an attempt to cut down on disease. One well was planned to serve 350 families. The speaker's work was

also in connection with the supplying of small tractors, backed up by the complete supply of spare parts, and modified to meet the special needs of the area. Animal husbandry programs included introduction of rabbit raising and fish projects.

Mr. Estav's talk and enthusiasm was accompanied by slides which illustrated the country of Togo and the various projects.

The speaker was introduced by Rotarian Ernie Davison and thanked by Rotarian Lorne Brown.

Students work with handicapped child

Students will have an opportunity to work with a handicapped child and restore an antique Brougham sleigh this summer, as a result of the approval by the federal government for nine regional Young Canada Works Programs.

Students will be trained on the parent level how to work with a handicapped child under the direction of Pearl Erich, of Milton and District University Women's Club.

"The motive of the program is to make students aware of the possibilities of helping with handicapped children, and helping them possibly determine career goals," explained Mrs. Erich.

The subject of the summer program will be Mrs. Erich's five and a half-year-old son, Frederick.

"Even teachers don't know too much about brain injury and are unaware of how to help handicapped children," she continued.

Three university level students will be hired to work in her home. The program will include familiarizing students on teaching a handicapped child to crawl, breathe properly, read and make such things as books.

The second project to be undertaken by three students will involve an 1860 sleigh, donated to Halton Region Museum by Jack Pemberton, president of the North American Horse Drawn Vehicles Association.

The sleigh given to Halton Museum 15 years ago is badly

in need of complete refinishing and refurbishing according to Erla Brittain, curator of Halton Regional Museum.

The job is expected to take 16 weeks to complete, she stated and will likely be done outdoors, weather permitting.

"While it is in sound condition, every square inch has to be taken down with paint remover," she said.

Approximately \$1,800 to \$2,000 is expected in costs for materials to return the sleigh to its original state.

The sleigh commonly used by dignitaries and upper class families in the 1860s carries six people, said Mrs. Brittain.

Local seniors participate in 'fun' orchestra in Florida

Three Milton senior citizens spent an enjoyable holiday in Zephyrhills, Florida this winter and while there, kept up their musical talents while participating in a new orchestra comprising senior citizens.

The group was known as "The Canadian Snowbirds" and provided musical entertainment at several community meetings, picnics and parties during the winter tourist season.

Tom and Grace Bradley of Court St. Milton and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crawford of Campbellville were the local seniors in Zephyrhills. The Bradleys and Mae Crawford were in the orchestra.

"We spent four very enjoyable months in Florida," reports Mr. Bradley. December and March were nice and warm, although January and February were pretty cool. Zephyrhills is about 30 miles inland from Lakeland and Tampa, he said.

The orchestra started out spontaneously. One day in a laundromat Grace Bradley

got talking to another Canadian woman, who said her husband was a violinist. Mrs. Bradley said her husband also played the violin, and they decided to get together for an evening. Before long, they had rounded up enough holidayers for a full-fledged orchestra.

The Bradleys have lots of musical experience, as Tom was one of the founders of Milton Senior Citizens Orchestra and has played the violin (and the bones) in it for several years. Grace is a singer with the group. Mae Crawford has been a MSCO pianist for many years.

Tom was named bandmaster and they rounded up quite a gathering of musicians to round out the band. They played their first job at a Canadian Club dinner and later played several times at a nursing home, at a tourist club, and at a winter mobile home park.

Instruments included piano, violins, banjo, drums, guitar and ukulele. Sometimes the audience

reached 250 or 300 people. Other Canadians in the group were Gerald Leeder of Karney, Bessie Mason of Goderich, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPherson of Tees-

water. A few Americans joined in too.

The Bradleys enjoyed a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Hunter and his parents, and from Len and Helen McNeil from Milton.



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Chamber shares HQ with St. John group

Repainting of signs at the entrance to Milton indicating the town as home of Steam-Era will be undertaken by the Milton Chamber of Commerce, directors agreed last week.

The executive, under the direction of President Marie Ries also learned the agreement with St. John Ambulance for their use of the Information Centre in Unity Park had also been finalized. The group will use the building as its headquarters and for meetings.

Installation of alarm systems in the Station-information centre was reviewed with three quotations received. The matter was referred to the committee for further consideration.

The executive reviewed possible Milton souvenir items which might be

arranged and which could be available for sale locally, noting that quantity requirements usually made it impossible for a single merchant to undertake the initial arrangements. A new public relations committee is to be established by the president and that committee with the station committee will consider possibilities.

Secretary Joyce Hagevik reported she was proceeding on the new issue of the Chamber of Commerce Milton Map and Guide and invited suggestions on any changes in the content.

Resignations of three directors of the Chamber were received from Gus Goutouski, Ted Mist and Doug White. The replacement of the directors was to be considered and invitations extended for nominations.

The meeting was held at La Riviera Restaurant.

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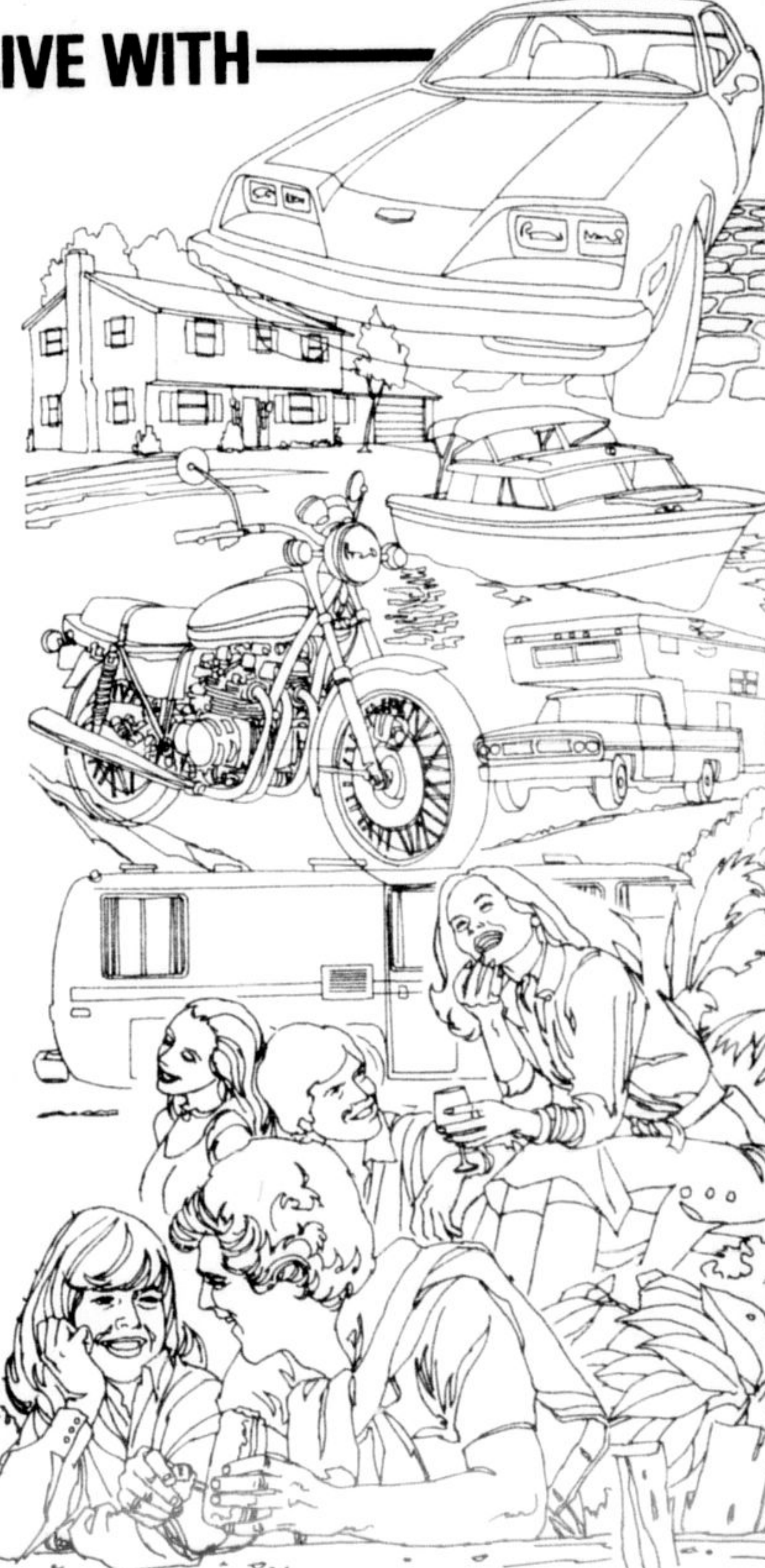
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