



*The Adventures of Meg*

By M. M. McCallum

**Meg's Christmas musing**

Meg sits dreaming of Christmas' past  
On the windowseat with her dog; who is also her friend.  
"Does Christmas joy stay forever?  
How long does it last?  
Why for some, does it come, to an end?"

When the Christ child was born  
On earth long ago;  
Could He really imagine,  
Did He really know?  
That today, a young girl, would sit dreaming so?

Meg muses; — "If I, am in His image cast  
And, in the radiant light of His smile I may bask — — —,  
What is it;  
That also makes me be perverse,  
Makes me stubborn and naughty and somethings much worse?"

"How CAN Mother love me?  
Each day more and more?  
Why are Grandmas and Grandpas so patient and kind  
And Daddy so cheerful  
As he comes through the door?"

"Why are Aunties and Uncles and Cousins and Friends;  
So happy to meet, — specially as the year ends?  
They come laden with gifts  
They come glowing with love.  
Does it really all come, from the Babe up above?"

Meg looks in the mirror, she sees eyes so blue;  
And feet that will dance, her whole lifetime through.  
A body thats growing —  
A mind that can learn,  
A face that can smile, and a heart that can yearn.

Meg knows she is lucky in this time and place  
To have on this planet,  
Her own little space.  
Meg knows there are many; strife torn and lost — —  
As by fate's hand they are cruelly tossed.

Meg will make an adventure of doing her share  
To spread warmth and love, and to be of good cheer.  
"Merry Christmas" says Meg  
"Gentle readers, so dear."  
"May you all have a Peaceful, and a Happy New Year!"

**How to make a Christmas Wreath**

By Rhita Harrison  
A trip to your florist shop and you can purchase a double wire form for about \$2.50. If you wish you can also get one yard of velvet ribbon for the same price. You will need six fine wires. To make your hanger, double a wire

twist to make a loop then fasten the ends to each side of the outside wire.  
Cut 1½ strips of green garbage bags, wrap you ring with these strips starting at the top and working to the bottom. Fasten with a wire. Start at the top on

other side and work to the bottom. This makes the pockets for you to put branches in and allows all of the branches to go in the same direction. Now you are ready to use your imagination!

A trip to the woods to find a few boughs (the boughs with the firm needles work best). If you walk in the woods in the fall, pick up the cones and other odds and ends and put them away for later.

Fit your greenery into the pockets. Fill in the inside ring first, then the outside one. I used milkweed pods wired together to look like flowers, sprayed them gold; also pine cones, crocheted carnations and crocheted bells. I attached these with the wires that come with large green garbage bags.

Thanks goes to your library which had two ladies from Rideau Crafts come to Russell to show us how to make these wreaths and other decorations for Christmas. I made my wreath late in October, brought it home, put it in a large garbage bag, sealed it and hung it up in the garage. I took it out the other day and it was as good as the day it was made. So you don't have to wait until the last minute to make your wreath and the real thing makes your Christmas a little less artificial in this day of plastic everything.



Rhita Harrison of Russell, at work on Christmas Wreath

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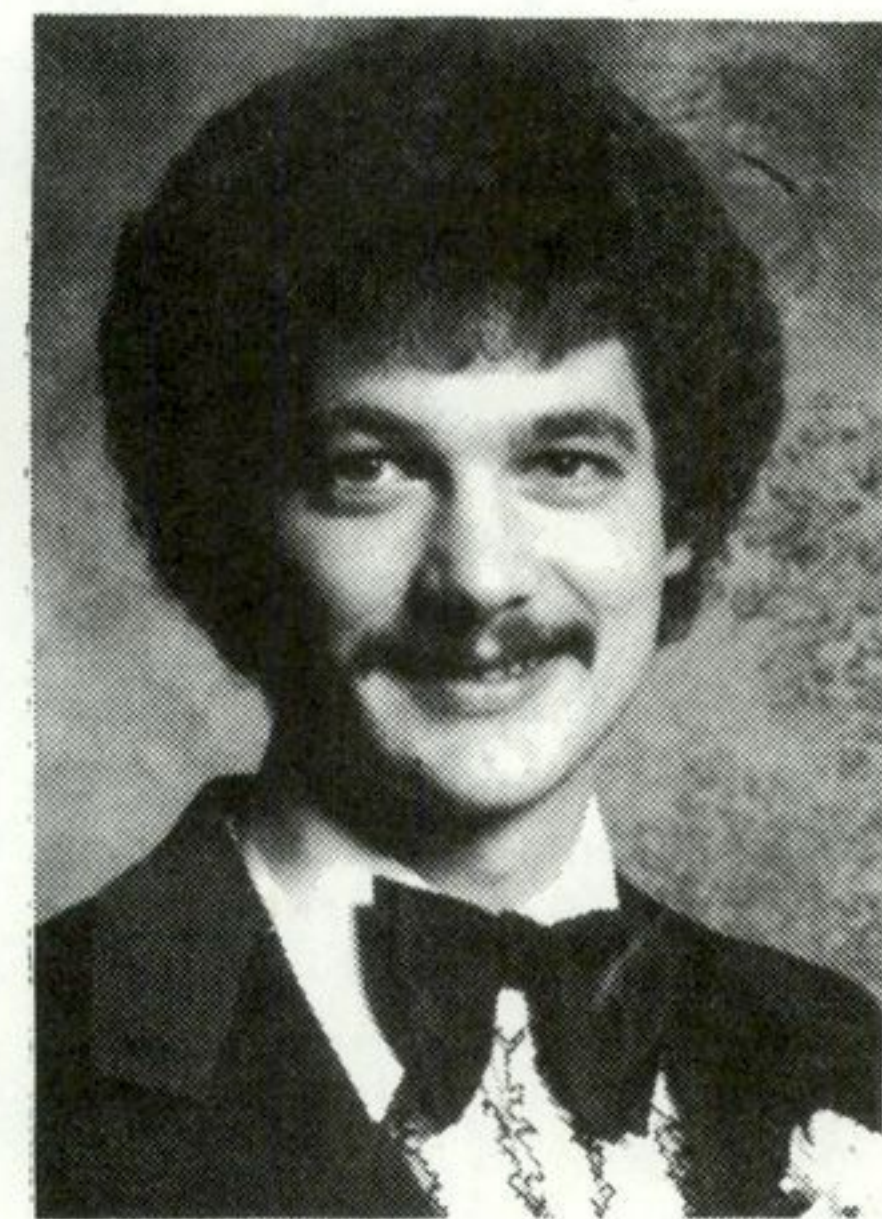


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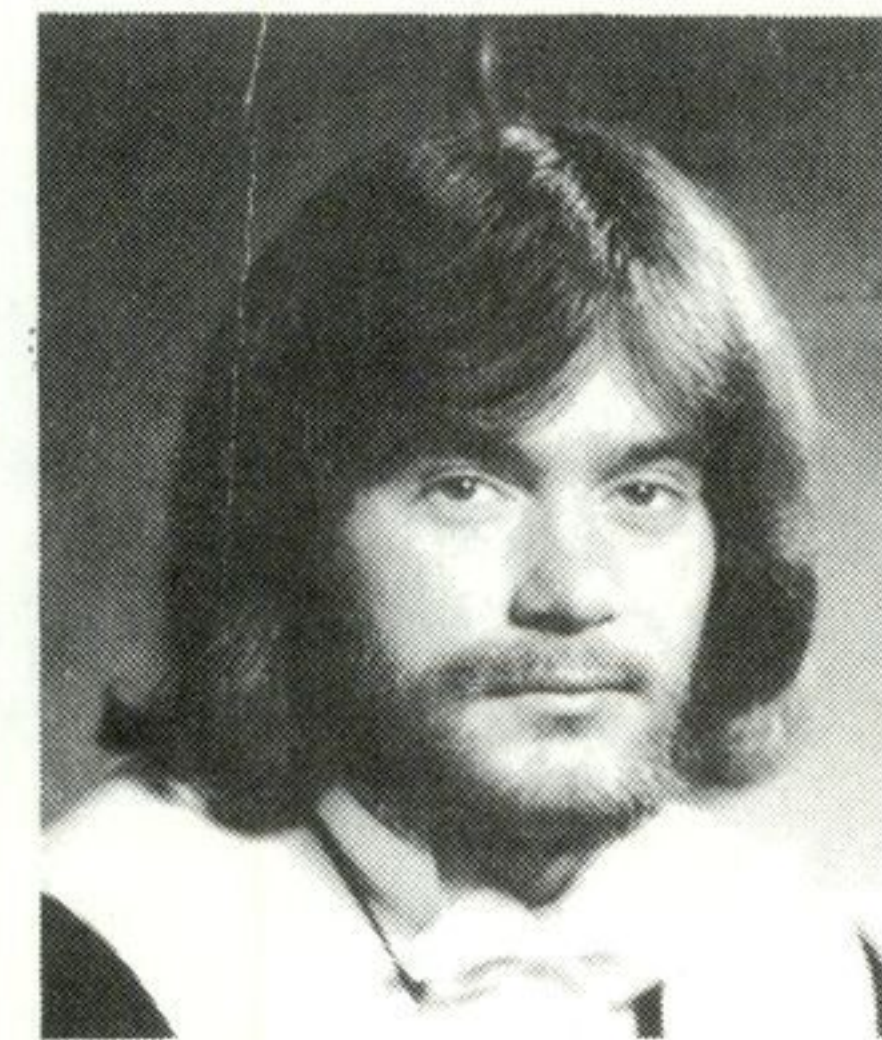
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Robert Carscadden

Robert F. Carscadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carscadden, recently received his certified general accountant's degree in Toronto. Bob received his early education at Felton and Russell Public Schools and North Dundas District High School. He is employed by International Development and Research Centre, Ottawa, and is presently on a six-week assignment to Nairobi and Kenya.



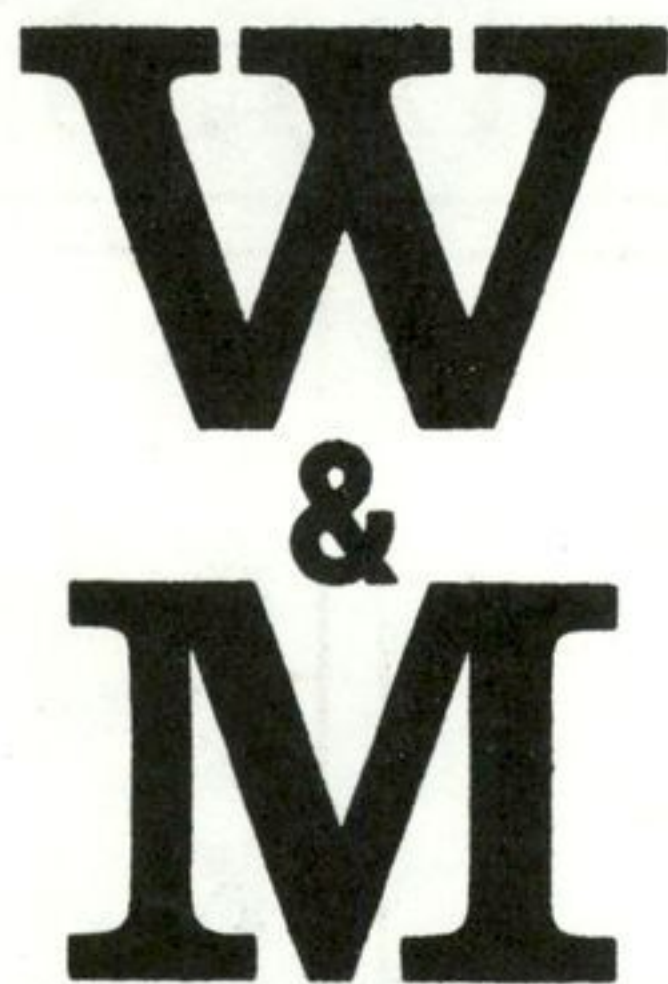
Eric Honey

Eric Honey, BA, LLB, is pleased to announce the opening of his office for the practice of law at the Zerox Building, 785 Carling Ave, Suite 505, Ottawa, 235-7241.

**Reception**

Following their recent marriage on Nov. 4, a reception in honor of Barry and Susan Graham (nee Deweese) will be held in the Dr. Kinnaird Community Centre Hall on Dec. 16, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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