

Meeting a magnificent beast and Batman

By Mary Hubelit

Mary Hubelit and her husband Nick are making a little headway right now through this vast province we call Ontario.

With such diverse scenery to enjoy and appreciate, Mary took the time to send us a few notes of her observations. Take a back seat and enjoy the ride.

Thursday, June 2, 5.30 pm; temp 20°C at Sunset Inn Camp, Batchewana. The drive down here to Batchewana Bay is 428 km, during which we enjoyed the fresh spring look of all the trees in Lake Superior Provincial Park.

Tomorrow will be more interesting though because we'll be in country new to us, but old to Canada.

Notes from our roving reporter

In fact, the rest of the trip will be into some of the oldest parts — the farm we intend to see near Lucknow has been in my family since 1855.

Friday, June 3, 5.30 pm, 30°C
Just look at that temperature! Do you see why I routed our trip along the lakeshores? One can usually count on a breeze to mitigate the heat (unless one wants to change clothes from heavy to light to the bare minimum every few hours!).

We turned off Highway 17 to Highway 6 at Espanola and drove a roller-coaster road bordered by white and pink rock-cuts. They led us to a lift bridge and onto

Manitoulin Island.

The scenery was wild and lovely, except for a plague of Tent caterpillars on low shrubs, some of which were defoliated already. The shrubs could be pincherry, willow or tag alder — I'm not going close enough to find out, especially after lunch!

Manitoulin Island is big — much bigger than it appears on the average road map, and is full of historical sites, lovely Indian crafts and breath-taking scenery.

Tourist accommodation ranges from B&B farms to luxury lodges. We stayed at Batman's Park south of Little Current.

Along Highway 6 leading to

South Baymouth and the ferry, we admired the frequent old-fashioned split-rail fences which add so much to the rural scene.

Saturday, June 4, 5.35 pm, 25°C at Bluewater Park in Wiarton:

The Manitoulin-Tobermory ferry, The Chi-Cheemaun, is a magnificent beast. Operated by the Ontario government, it is very interesting to 'prairie' people like ourselves.

We've been on ocean ferries on both coasts, but this is the first lake ferry we've seen. I like it. One talks to all sorts of people, which of course is good for one's psyche, and so far we've not been "put

down" by anyone.

This is a large park, centred by the heated washrooms and ringed by the "seasonal" campers. There are only five sites kept open for tourists. The trailers are luxurious, and I have the feeling the people rev up the Cadillac to bring their garbage bags to the communal disposal unit.

One could play golf on the lawn, and the campsites are separate by a row of pruned cedars. No wonder it cost us \$17.00! We've seen this one-up-manship all across Canada. It confirms our philosophy of independence.

One aspect of our present jaunt haunts me: I keep checking for time zones and variations of provincial regulations....but this trip is all in Ontario!

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Birchwood begins with bash for 'Senior Citizens Month'

By Helene Ballard

Hi there! Here we are again; it's time for another wee bit of news from Birchwood.

On Monday, June 6, there was an afternoon of bingo for the residents, so all those who like to play had a good time.

On Tuesday afternoon, our Bridge players were over to play a few hands. This will be the last gathering until after Labour Day. We want to thank these good friends who give of their time and we hope they all have a nice summer. I am sure our residents will look forward to seeing them again in the fall.

On Thursday the 9th, the Birchwood Ladies Auxiliary held their monthly meeting, which took place in Schreiber. This will be the last meeting until after Labour Day.

These hard working ladies deserve a few months off; they work so hard for the residents and we awe them a big 'thank you' and we will welcome them back in September.

We had a Wine and Cheese Social on June 10 to honour Senior Citizens Month. Our staff hosted this event, and on behalf of the residents I would like to thank them for their kindness to us.

Last Sunday a former staff member brought us a nice treat for

our afternoon tea — a yummy lemon cake; was it ever good. thank you so much to Pat Culverhouse for her kindness.

The residents were sorry to hear of Father Campbell's loss with the death of his father. We offer him our deepest sympathies.

I know there are more events for the residents to enjoy during Senior Citizens Month, so I'll have more news about these in my next article.

And now, maybe a wee smile for our medical profession:
Teacher: What is a 'paradox'?
Boy at back of room: "A paradox is two doctors."
Well...I said it was a "wee joke."
Until next time, Adios: Amigos.

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at 8:00 p.m.
at
Birchwood Terrace

Attendees at Annual Meeting must present Corporation Membership card to gain admission to the Annual Meeting