

Life Begins At 40 (M.P.H.) For Markham Mother Of Three

Honda Motorbike Is Family Affair

VRRROOM! The sound of a Honda. Catching on in the Markham-Stouffville area faster than the hula-hoop, the Honda has become the mode of transportation for many high school students.

But students aren't the only people driving Hondas these days. There is a woman living on Galsworthy Drive in Markham who has a Honda garage. Mrs. Lily Booth, happily married mother of three young children, drives her Honda every day, and loves it.

"We had two cars," explained Mrs. Booth, "but we found it a little heavy on the pocket book. I wanted to ride a bicycle."

Husband Bill wasn't too fond of the bike idea, and a few days later showed up at home with the Honda in his car. That was in April, 1964. Mrs. Booth has been driving it ever since.

The Honda is equipped with a safety belt for Harvey, their 4 year old son, Stephen, 9 and Beverly Ann, 7, don't need the belt, but use it anyway for safety.

"At 250 miles to the gallon, I can't think of an easier way to get around," Mrs. Booth said. "I've recommended them to all my friends."

Of course, many people can't see the benefits in driving a Honda, especially when the driver is a married woman. "39 years old for the third time round." Housewives are not expected to putt around town on motor scooters. They're supposed to stay at home, feed the kids, wash, clean, iron, and go along with every other housewife in the area. Not so, Mrs. Booth.

Ever since the day she was born, Mrs. Booth, who has personality with a capital 'P', has led her own life, and not someone else's.

Born a number of years ago, (the actual year is a secret between her and her husband) Mrs. Booth started life on an unusual note. Her doctor made out an erroneous birth certificate, making her a day older than she actually is.

"That hurt, too," she smiled. She was born in Timmins, Ontario but attended schools in South Porcupine.

Mrs. Booth, then Lily Boyko, was the first girl president of her high school's student's council.

At the age of 18, she packed her bags, caught the "Blueberry Special," and came to Toronto. Interested in Commercial Art, she found the course too expensive and had to settle for a year at Teacher's College, known then as the Normal School.

Toronto, in those days, was the centre of trade and activity for Canada, and that was where the money was. Therefore, to obtain a teaching position in a Toronto school, the student had to be among the top 30 graduates to be chosen.

Mrs. Booth was in that group. For twelve years, Lily Boyko taught grade one at Rose Avenue Public School on Ontario Street in Toronto. She witnessed some pretty sad conditions while at that school.

"I spent a lot of time crying," she said. In the heart of Cabbagetown, the school catered to students, who came from miserable surroundings. The youngsters came to school wearing rags on their backs, sick and undernourished. Even at that age, they were a rough bunch of kids.

But she loved her work, loved her students, and changed many attitudes. She made many friends, some of whom she is still in contact with today.

"This came in the mail last week," she beamed, producing a wedding invitation from Los Angeles. She had taught that student many years ago, and although time and distance separated them, the student was still in touch through correspondence.

"I hear from this one about twice a month, and I always try to answer every letter," she said. During her teaching career, Mrs. Booth went to night school to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree. Her ambition was to follow up a Commercial Arts course.

Wanted To Paint
Mrs. Booth attended summer school in Doon, a small hamlet near Kitchener. Also in attendance at the school was Homer Varley, a well-known painter, who now resides at Unionville.

However, her plans failed to materialize and she left her course a year later. Three of her paintings hang in the living room of her home. They are all abstract paintings, done in a maze of glorious colour and design.

"I'm not a realist in my works," she explained, "rather an abstractionist."

Mrs. Booth gave up painting after she was married. Time won't allow her to continue her hobby.

It was through her classes that she met her husband, Bill. Although not a painter, Bill was the friend of a classmate of Lily's.

Bill is now a group supervisor for Ogilvy, Benson and Mathers Co. in Toronto. After they were married, the couple lived in Toronto for six months before moving to Markham.

They moved into an 'experimental' subdivision on German Street, but were forced to vacate as the family grew larger. They like living in Markham. The business area is close, and yet, the 'wide-open spaces' are also available.

Mrs. Booth said that the Markham Community Centre was the best thing that has happened to the town. "I learned to figure-skate there two years ago," she said, "now, life begins at 40 and I can prove it."

Trip To Europe
One of the biggest thrills of her life came only last month when husband Bill came home and casually asked her if she would like to go to Europe. She was ecstatic.

Mr. Booth had to go to Europe on business and the company allowed her to join him. "It was a trip I'll never forget," she said. "It gave me a chance to see how other people live, and although it looks great, I still maintain Canada is the only country in the world."


"Trafalgar Square in London was a trip in itself." Although the trip was 100% successful, Mrs. Booth said the best part about it was coming home. She was back on her Honda the next day.

Mrs. Booth is just an average, everyday housewife who is not the least bit eccentric, but who has learned that to get the most out of life, you have to keep living, and although her age may give her away, she has just started to live.

The next time residents of Markham see an old, white-haired lady driving a Honda down the street, they'll know it's not Mrs. Lily Booth. She's just too 'young-at-heart'.

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Business In Parliament Moving At Faster Rate

(Michael Starr, MP)
There are certain restrictions on the type of questions that should be asked by a Member during the oral question period. The question must be of national importance and of immediate urgency. If it does not qualify this category, then it should be placed on the Order Paper as a written question.

The Member also has the privilege, if he feels that the question has some urgency to it, of marking it with an asterisk. When this question appears on the Order Paper, the answer must be given orally. Otherwise, the answer, the same as the question, is given in writing.

The written questions that are placed on the Order Paper should be answered within 48 hours. There has been a definite negligence on the part of the Ministers of this Government in answering these questions.

When a survey was made it was found that some 46 written questions had been on the Order Paper for six weeks. Some 11 questions have been lying around for 5 weeks and approximately 60 questions have remained on the Order Paper without being answered for a period of three months. 3 questions with an asterisk have also been left unanswered for six weeks.

"When this was brought to the attention of the Government they promised that there would be immediate attention paid to them in order to bring them more up to date so that those Members who have placed these questions on the Order Paper would receive answers in a reasonable period of time."

The business in the House has been progressing quite rapidly in recent days. A number of Government Orders have been dealt with, either in full or in part.

The Bank of Canada Act, after receiving second reading, was referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce for their study. After this consideration it will be dealt with again in the House of Commons on a clause by clause basis, and eventually will be given third reading.

The Bill to provide more funds to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to carry out their responsibilities has also been passed with a minimum of debate.

The Senate Reform Bill, which provides for the retirement of Senators at the age of 75 years has also been passed by the House of Commons. There was an extended debate on this Bill but, with only a few amendments which were submitted by the Government, it was passed as originally introduced.

A Committee has been set up to consider the study of penitentiaries that are under the control of the Government of Canada, and also to study the plans of the Government in relation to these penitentiaries. This Committee will have the power to report to Parliament from time to time its observations and opinions.

At the time of writing this column Parliament was engaged in a debate on an Act respecting Banks and Banking and also a Bill respecting Savings Banks in the Province of Quebec.

The Government has introduced a number of proposals for the revision of the rules under which the House of Commons operates. These amendments are designed to streamline the work of Parliament. With one

or two exceptions. It is not likely that too much opposition will be presented against these changes.

These new rules provide for the setting up of Special Standing Committees, whose responsibility it will be to scrutinize the estimates of the various Government Departments, prior to any consideration of them by Parliament. This also should have the effect of expediting these Estimates through the House of Commons.

If the present atmosphere, and the desire to get on with the business of the Nation, prevails, the House of Commons should deal with quite a number of pieces of legislation as well as departmental estimates prior to the contemplated summer recess.

Gladioli should be planted now for summer bloom, say horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Choose a location which is sunny and open. Shaded areas near trees and large shrubs, and low lying, poorly drained soils should be avoided.

To help prevent build-up of soil-borne diseases, it is advisable to change the location of the Gladioli beds each year. However, if this is not possible, high soil fertility should be maintained and rigorous discarding of diseased corms practised.

If the soil is low in fertility, apply a 5-20-20 fertilizer, or one of a similar ratio, at the rate of 2 to 3 pounds per 100 square feet. The corms may be planted from now until mid-June. Large corms should be placed about four inches deep and the smaller-sized ones, slightly shallower.

To reduce weeds and to prevent the formation of a hard crust on the soil surface, the plants should be cultivated regularly during the summer months.

Standard equipment: a bank loan

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