

Housewife turns gear-jammer in hand-me-down truck

By Madeline Harrison
LOCUST HILL — I got my wheels back this weekend. Now I know there are a lot of people in Locust Hill who will be overjoyed to hear that. You see, hubby bought a new car and I have inherited a new set of problems and a well used truck.

Now it is a pretty good truck, as far as trucks go. It isn't too

swish, and it isn't very sexy. It needs a new coat of paint. The doors have been fixed but the tailgate is threatening to fall off. But it is transportation. It gets me there and back and really what more can you ask? Actually, quite a lot more.

Automatic transmission would help. I learned on an automatic; took my driver's test

on an automatic, and have driven an automatic ever since. It wasn't until a few years ago that (a) I got up the nerve to drive a truck on the road and (b) my husband and family would let me take a chance with other people's lives. The only gear shift vehicle I was allowed to drive, at one time, was a 1929 Rugby Fire Engine and then

they wouldn't let me off the back forty. There were so many fences to fix back there that finally, in self defence, my father taught me how to drive.

The fire engine was a retired work horse of the Brougham Brigade. It sure had a come down. From a dashing, rip snorting vehicle that charged (well at least it got the firemen to the

fire) along the roads, to a worn out old hack on the back lot of a farm with a crazy teenager driving it. It had three forward gears and one back. However, I never did find out how to put it into reverse. If I got stuck in a corner, I walked back to the house to find someone to turn it around; otherwise I just drove around in circles looking for a

way out. Three feet, and four hands were needed to drive it and I always seemed to have a foot or two missing. Consequently, we rarely got out of first gear. Once we learned how to drive the car, it was goodbye old "Nellybelle" (my brother's nickname for the flier).

Now, however, we are back once more to the gear shift and instead

of three, it's four, and they all "grind". Actually, I always skip the first gear and start off in second. It is more nerve-wracking but faster. Why do they have first gears anyway?

Usually, we manage quite well except when it comes to stop lights on a hill. Why do they always put stoplights on either upgrades or

downgrades? Are there no level spots? Now we come to a stop at a red light (or at least we are supposed to). One foot on the brake, one on the clutch, one hand ready to change gears and the other hand gripping the steering wheel for dear life. The lights change. Face set. Now how do you take the foot off the brake and over to the ac-

celerator without rolling back and giving the guy behind a heck of a smack. Well the clutch comes out slightly — only the foot tends to slip and the clutch comes all the way out. It stalls and we still hit the guy behind us. Start up again. The light is red again. Now! Release the clutch slowly. Gun the gas. Away we go — ugh — ugh — ugh. Isn't it amazing how many cars pile up behind one when you miss only one light?

So far we have been treated for three cases of whiplash and one dislocated shoulder. The cars behind us have been far enough back (they saw me — a woman driver!) that they suffered no damage.

Changing tires was never my strong forte, but the truck beats them all. No one but a service station with a good hoist can even get at it. The manufacturer, in his infinite wisdom, chose to put the spare tire underneath the rear end, next to the exhaust, behind the back bumper, in between the frame and the gizmo. Once you locate it you have to be a contortionist to reach up and undo the three big super duper immovable wing nuts. Should you be fortunate (or unfortunate) to get these nuts undone, you then

have to move quick, and usually say a naughty word or two when you bump your cranium on the frame. Not that I am ever going to change the wretched thing, even if I have to drive forty miles on a flat. You'd think someone, somewhere would come up with a better idea.

Apropos of the new car — before we took delivery of it, I was coerced into signing an oath to the effect that: (1) I was not to drive Hwy. 401; (2) I was not to burn this one up; (3) I was not to drive the car unless a licensed passenger accompanied me at all times (namely one nervous, pain wracked husband); (4) If I was to take the car out alone I was only to drive it between the hours of midnight and 3 a.m. and (5) I was to let my husband put the first scratch on it (this last was my idea to keep peace in the family).

I think I should have read the fine print. I have the feeling no one trusts me. A S. Rodney Dangerfield would say "I never get any respect".

So from now on — no matter what time of day or night watch out! The next motorist you see could be me!

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Mrs. Jim Peddie Hospital staff member honored

By Rene Rennie
CLAREMONT — Mrs. Jim Peddie, recently retired from Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, after 14 years on the nursing staff, was accorded the Board's appreciation at a retirement party, March 9.

The United Church Sunday School will hold a croqu Shore party, March 22, in the Sunday School room. Other games will also be open to participants starting at 7 p.m.

Euchre winners at the Bowling Green Club house were: Marjorie Norton, Shirley Beelby, Kathy Avery, Bruce Findlay, George Middleton and Agnes Dunn. Travelling prize: Alice Peddie. Lone hands: Laura Reynolds.

Mrs. Charles McTaggart of Greenwood will speak on "Our History Book" at the Women's Institute meeting, March 21, at 2 p.m., in the home of Mrs. Ross Middleton.

Dr. N. F. Tomlinson, an 86-year-old golf enthusiast, left for Florida Saturday to get in some pre-season practice.

A St. Patrick's Dan-

ce and draw will be held in the Community Hall, March 17. Proceeds will be used for hall improvements.

Proceeds from a euchre party to be hosted by Claremont Club and Scout Group, Committee in the Community Hall, March 27, at 8 p.m., will be donated to the "Sports Pad".

The team of Jean Bradshaw, Agnes Ferguson, Myrl McConkey and Dianne Redshaw, competing against 35 entries in the Legion Ladies' Zone F.I. euchre tournament, won the event for the Claremont branch. Another local team — Evelyn Carruthers, Rene Rennie, Ilean Whitney and Jackie Udall, came in third.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. MacAlbright on the passing of Mrs. Albright's father, Mr. T. Risebrough.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill and family of Colingwood stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George McKenzie over the weekend. Mrs. McKenzie Sr. was a 150, a visitor with her son and daughter-in-law.

Home from Florida

By Susie Pascoe
GREENWOOD — Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pascoe and children, have returned from a two-week holiday in Florida.

Unit 3 of the U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. George Griffin. Mrs. Betty Goodwin presented a program on India. At a meeting of Unit 2, hosted by Mrs. Marjorie Morden, Mrs. Sheila

Brooks was in charge of the program.

Patsy Young of Bramala, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Henning and family. Later in the week, Mr. and Mrs. Henning travelled to Port Perry to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim MacDonald.

Mrs. Mary McLean and Beatrice called on Rev. David Harris of Courtice, Sunday.

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