

# This History Graduate Has A Job That Terrifies Her

OTTAWA (CP) — A wax museum is spooksville. The eerie lights, the black, winding passages and the figures that look like corpses can even give the guides "the creeps."

Joanne Rowlinson, 21, assistant manager at Ottawa's recently opened waxworks, says it's even more scary after the 10 p. m. closing.

"I get terrified. I try to finish up in the museum before the guides leave, and then I go into the office and lock the door."

A graduate in history from the University of Toronto, Miss Rowlinson got the job through the time-honored practice of calling a member of Parliament.

**Called MP**

"After graduation this spring I couldn't find the job I wanted, so I called up the man who used to be our MP to see if he knew of anything."

The museum was one of his private business ventures and he hired Joanne as a sort of gift Friday. She ordered stock for the gift shop, answered the phone and letters and, since the opening, has been in charge of the operation from 4 to 10 p. m. every day.

"First of all, the figures are not wax," she explains. "They are made out of vinyl plastic."

**THE MUSEUM** has 82 figures including a chilling tableau of Louis Riel's hanging and a panorama of da Vinci's Last Supper.

It wasn't long before someone snatched Peter's knife, Franklin Roosevelt's cigarette and a lighter from a political tableau as well as a Mountie's badge.

John Diefenbaker is shown with arms folded and Lester Pearson standing at attention. "We're thinking of having them done over," Joanne says, "because so many people have said they don't look like the leaders."

Perhaps the most successful likeness is that of Governor General Georges Vanier, shown with Charlotte Whitton in a scene featuring the late John F. Kennedy planting a tree in Ottawa.

"The Governor General was so pleased with his head he had his own barber trim the moustache."

**MISS WHITTON** appears in her scarlet mayor's mantle which she commissioned for the museum from the royal robe-makers in London. She is one of four female figures. Others are the Queen, Indian poet Pauline Johnson and an anonymous Eskimo in an igloo scene.

Miss Rowlinson did the historical research that the guides spiel on tours but visitors sometimes supply additional information.

"Sometimes people come in who remember family stories about Sir John A. Macdonald, for instance. The guides use the stories to spice up the tours."

# Women

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## Train Of Hope For Ill Children

DOMODOSSOLA, Italy.—(AP) Six old railway coaches that aren't ever going anywhere again are taking hundreds of Italian children on a trip toward health.

The old coaches, now called "the train of hope," ended up here, high in the Alps near the Swiss frontier, 12 miles from the nearest railway line.

They have been refitted as bedrooms and dining rooms, repainted, and put into use as a vacation resort and mountain health centre for the children of Italians working in Switzerland.

Father Michelangelo, a bushy-bearded, brown-robed Capuchin friar, is the man who thought up the idea and had the faith to see it accomplished.

"We needed a place high up in the mountains," he said, "where the children could breathe fresh air and live a healthy life in the open."

"I heard about the six old coaches which were about to be scrapped at Castellano Veneto, hundreds of miles away, so I asked the transport ministry if we could have them."

The transport minister turned the old coaches over to Father Michelangelo for a rent of six lire (one cent) a year, but the ministry said the friar would have to make his own arrangements for getting them up into the mountains.

"Indeed that was the most difficult part," Father Michelangelo said. "It cost us 700,000 lire (\$1,200). Even so, it looked like an impossible venture to drag the heavy coaches over the mountains and through narrow passes."

But Father Michelangelo believed that faith could move mountains. And he says it did. Donors have provided the 700,000 lire to cover the cost.

## Charming Home That Reflects Character Of People Who Live In It, She Said.

As decorating consultant to a manufacturer of wall accessories, Miss Wills noted that the 1966 winter market collection of new plaques, clocks, mirrors, sconces and consoles is a good illustration of the eclectic approach.

"Design inspirations have been drawn from many periods and places, interpreted by highly skilled wood carvers, and painstakingly reproduced in deep-dimensional simulated wood," she reported.

"The result is a broad range of choice for the homemaker with a decorating problem to solve."

Other materials have been combined with simulated wood to heighten the interest of several 1966 designs. A dignified Early American banjo clock, for example, incorporates a color illustration of a frigate ship under full sail. A gold eagle is poised atop the fruit-wood-tone clock case.

Man-made marble forms the surface of a Mediterranean console, which is part of Arabeque's new Barcelona mirror ensemble. The 24 x 47-inch mirror, correlated sconces, and console understructure are exacting reproductions of hand-carved originals, finished in deep pecan wood tone.

## Today's Rage In Decoration Is Eclecticism

If your china cabinet is full of dishes that don't match, you have a problem. But if your living room is filled with furniture and accessories of different styles, you may be right in step with the latest decorating vogue.

Today's rage is the eclectic approach, according to decorating consultant Mary Ann Willis, "which means simply that you choose what you like best, regardless of period or style, and combine it into a whole."

In theory, it may sound like organized confusion. But in practice, the right degree of eclecticism can result in a truly

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**TIGNISH**

Attending the Allied Youth convention in Halifax, N.S. from the Tignish Regional High School were: Roy Hogan, Edith Gaudet, Lorne Callaghan and John Broderick.

Attending the Red Cross conference in Charlottetown were: Mary Smythe, Gerard Doucette, Sister Angela Marie Shea, Jimmy Arsenault, Donna McRae and Sylvia Conway.

Mark Gaudet is a patient at Prince County Hospital, Summerside. Mr. Gaudet who lives alone in the village of Tignish, fell at his home and suffered a fractured hip.

Aubin E. Richard, Tignish,

**TYNE VALLEY**

Rev. Leslie Files was guest speaker at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening when members from the Richmond Bay charge attended. Mrs. Robert Miller was organist. Donald MacLean presented on behalf of the C.S. Millar family a

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**Brae UCW Packs Boxes For Mission**

On Thursday evening, November 10 the Brae UCW met in the church hall. The opening worship was conducted by Mrs. Alice MacFadyen, the theme of which was God Enlightens and We Reflect His Light.

Business concerning the preparing of a layette and a quilt for the Brunswick Street Mission and the re-decorating of the church hall was left over until the next meeting. A quantity of used clothing and a blanket requested at the last meeting for mission use, was brought to present meeting to pack for shipment. Mrs. Errison MacLeod reported the purchase of Christmas gifts and one additional blanket for the mission box. A number of Canada Packers coupons were passed in for exchange for a tablecloth.

The treasurer's report was given, and also a report from the convener of friendship and visitation was read by the secretary. Mrs. James MacKinnon reporting for the social functions committee, brought before the meeting a request from the Orange Lodge members for catering service at their fall

**banquet to be held on November 15th.** Plans for such catering were discussed and it was decided that preparations for the banquet in the church hall would be made on Monday evening, November 14th.

Correspondence consisted of a note of appreciation from Mrs. Neil MacKay, a message of appreciation from Mrs. Alice Dalton, and a letter of acknowledgment for used nylon sent to headquarters for shipment to Korea. It was decided that a new wall-type can opener be purchased for church kitchen.

The members will exchange Christmas gifts at the December meeting.

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