



## La Butler Did It

It would be difficult for Edith Butler to have a more English name—or to be more Acadian French.

Miss Butler, 33, was raised in Pacquetville, New Brunswick, where almost everybody (92 per cent) speaks French and where she feels the simple, earthy life the woodcutters and seamen live is under the threat of the 20th Century. Miss Butler went with a guitar to Notre Dame de l'Acadie College, the women's affiliate of the University of Moncton before Moncton went co-ed. "We would make variety shows and invite the boys," she remembers with a giggle.

After graduation she taught school in Bathurst, played and sang among friends, and then went to

Laval University to take a master's degree in folk arts. She sang to the Québécois students about the Acadians, a minority of a minority, and "they found it exotic to hear of a minority group from far away." She became a continuing attraction at the La Rexaille and Le Compagnon coffee houses in Québec and, after acquiring two booking agents, a piano accompanist, a complete sound and light system and a bus, she has also become an international entertainer, across Canada, in Ireland, Boston, Louisiana and Washington, D.C. She has made a movie for the National Film Board, *Les Acadiens de la dispersion*, and has recorded albums, including "Avant d'être dépaycée."