

Cecelia Folkard

Plenty of material for book

PICTON - "I used to urge her to write a book for she had so many remarkable experiences," said Donna Folkard, speaking of her relative, Cecelia Folkard, a well-known church organist.

She said Miss Folkard attended a domestic science class, in her native Scotland, with the Queen Mother, and she holds several degrees in music from the University of Edinburgh.

Miss Folkard played in most of the churches in Picton and also was organist at a Kingston cathedral, for a time. In 1944, she played at

the Brockville Anglican Church and she gave music lessons for a number of years, after her arrival in Canada.

A provincial government employee with the social services department, Miss Folkard travelled widely in Ontario and worked in Walkerton, Owen Sound, Brockville, Tweed and Toronto. She received a government citation for her efforts and for 10 years after her retirement she served on a special government advisory committee.

She won the Dow Award for

heroism and was a liberated and independent woman long before "women's lib" became fashionable. Her weekends in Picton, often, were spent tuning up her car and she was the only Hill Street resident to have a tennis court. She enjoyed boating and used to launch her own rowboat in Picton harbor.

Miss Folkard has a twin sister, Flora, (Mrs. George Fisher) still living in Edinburgh and a younger sister, Elsie Folkard, in Toronto. A younger brother, Ernest, lives in London, England.

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