

ROTARIANS TOUR GREECE WITH J. L. THORNBURN

By means of pictures and commentary by Lindsay Thornburn, Port Elgin Rotary Club enjoyed a visit to Greece on Monday night. Distinguished by many years of teaching history at Saugeen High, Lindsay, along with Mrs. Thornburn, was invited to accompany the Bruce School Area students when they visited Greece during the Winter break.

Entitling his presentation, "The Miracle of Greece", Mr. Thornburn remarked that the first miracle was being able to get out of Port Elgin on a very stormy Sunday morning in March, when they took the bus for Toronto airport.

The flight was non-stop to Athens. On arrival, one of their first views was that of the Bay of Salamis, well known in history as the site of a famous naval battle between the Greeks and the Persians.

There were scenes of the four hotels in which the 400 students stayed. A Civic Reception was held for them in the host school, where they were matched with Greek students, and billeted in homes. Their entertainment included a concert of choir music, and ceremonially costumed dancers, guided tours throughout the city, an honored spot in the Independence Day celebrations in Constitution Square where the government displayed its armed might.

Over a thousand government dignitaries participated in the ceremonies, and it included youth parades, aerial displays and other demonstrations celebrating Greece's Day of Independence from Turkish rule. The pictures included miscellaneous street scenes, such as the first flowers of spring, the street cafe, the colorful open markets, lottery vendors, boot blacks, newspaper and magazine kiosks, the boarded-up King's Palace, the changing of the guard, the Olympic Stadium, and the Ruins of the Ancient Temple of Zeus, the Greek God of War.

The slides next included a trip to Crete where our local travellers visited the ancient palace of Knossos, once ruled by the Kings of Minos, some 4,000 years before the birth of Christ. The palace was destroyed about 1500 B. C., and has been discovered, excavated, and partially restored in recent times. It is rich with artifacts and paintings which reveal the culture of that time, and give meaning to some of the myths which have been passed along from the Minoan Civilization.

This is the scene of the Myth of the Minotaur, child of a Minos King and Goddess, half-man and half-bull, who was imprisoned in the labyrinth. Greek youths and maidens were offered to him in sacrifice.

Here, our visitors saw the sacrificial pillar, and sat in the oldest

stone throne in the world, and which still remains in its original location. They saw frescoes and paintings which described the activities of 6,000 years ago.

Some depict the sport of "bull-vaulting" on which contenders in the arena would leap over the bull as he charged them. In its day, this city was the capital of the Aegean world. It's deserts extracted tribute from those around them, and with it's wealth created this tremendous palace which was as intricate as the fabled labyrinth.

The evening not only demonstrated the speaker's professional ability with the camera, but his well known flair for the dramatic, which enabled his audience to share intimately in the experience of visiting Greece.



Joan Marie Schildroth, a graduate of Saugeen District High School, Port Elgin, was granted a Bachelor of Applied Science degree by the University of Guelph, at a ceremony held in War Memorial Hall, Guelph, on May the 22nd.

She has commenced an internship in Therapeutic Aesthetics at the Victoria Hospital, London.

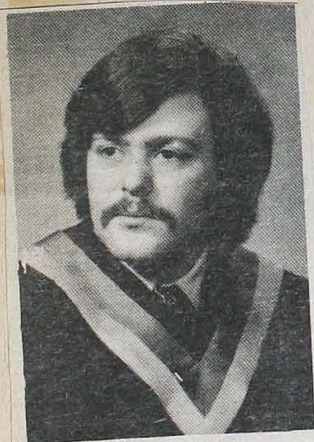
Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schildroth of R. R. 5, Paisley attended the graduation.



JOANN CLULEY
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cluley of Port Elgin, who has been graduated from St. Joseph's Regional School of Nursing in London. The exercises took place at University Hall, University of Western Ontario. Miss Cluley has accepted a position in the Saugeen Memorial Hospital in Southampton.



Sharon Schildroth



Graduation

Jim Sutherland, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland of R.R.#5, Paisley, Ontario, recently graduated from Centralia College of Agricultural Technology in the Agricultural Business Management program.

Jim plans to work for Doug Hodgins, Parkhill, Ontario.



Receives award

Jean Clazie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clazie, R.R.#5, Paisley, received the Charles H. Ivey Foundation Award during the Georgian College Annual Awards Day ceremony held February 14. She is enrolled in the General Business I Program at the Owen Sound Campus and is one of the 139 Georgian students who received an award. She is a graduate of Saugeen District High School.