



MRS. J. LAVALLEE

## Serves Breakfast To Prince Philip

Serving breakfast to a prince is something we dream about never think it will come true. It can happen and has happened to Mrs. James Lavallee of the Golden Lake Indian Reserve.

For the past three years, Mrs. Lavallee has been the cook at the John J. Heney Duck Club, open from September 15 until the end of November. She has served meals to senators and dignitaries but never to a prince. It was a shock to her when she learned only a day in advance that Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh was going to be guest of the Duck Club.

"Mrs. Heney, my employer's wife, had told me earlier that someone special was coming to spend several hours at the club. I thought it was Prime Minister Diefenbaker. I never dreamed it would be the Prince!" she exclaimed.

Mrs. Lavallee was so nervous and frightened that when she learned the night before that the Royal visitor was arriving the following night, she began to polish furniture, silverware and prepare food like mad. "It was sheer fright that brought me through!" she said.

"I realized it had to be done and there was no one there to help me or tell me what to do. So I just did the best I could which is all anyone can do," she said.

Mrs. Lavallee had already retired when the hunters arrived but immediately rose from her

bed to watch from the window as the car stopped at the front door of the camp. It was five o'clock Thanksgiving morning when she was introduced to Prince Philip by William O'Brien of Ottawa, a member of the hunting party.

"Prince Philip is a very jovial person", she said. "After I had asked how he liked his bacon and eggs, he joked and laughed with the other men at the table".

Mrs. Lavallee didn't get much of a chance to chat with the Prince as she had to prepare breakfast for eight Royal Canadian Mounted Police who had been on guard all night. But she did get his permission to take several pictures which are a cherished possession.

"Prince Philip was dressed just like any other hunter", she explained. "He wore a sport shirt with a V-neck sweater, hunting slacks and a camouflage jacket".

After the party returned with their eight ducks, Mrs. Lavallee served them a light lunch. It was then that she overheard the Prince say to the men how much he had enjoyed the morning and how he wished he could stay and hunt for a few days.

"I never dreamed of seeing the Royal Couple even on television because I was going to be isolated at the camp for the whole weekend. You can imagine", Mrs. Lavallee said, "how I felt when I heard that I was going to be serving breakfast to Prince Philip".



COBDEN MONUMENT UNVEILED — Harry Walker, Ottawa Valley historian and Chief Matt Bernard of Golden Lake Indian Reserve, at the monument marking the spot where Champlain is believed to have lost his astrolabe on June 7, 1613, during an expedition up the Ottawa river. The monument was unveiled by Mr. Walker, west of Cobden yesterday afternoon.

*For the first time in the history of the Golden Lake Indian Band, a woman has been elected chief. Mrs Anna White duck was elected by acclamation Mrs Thelma Lennisco was elected councillor in a field of five, others were Andrew Lavalley & Frances Benoit Mrs White duck has the distinction of being only the Fourth lady to be elected chief in Canada,*

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*The first gun given to a Golden Lake Indian was given to Chief Stogna in 1850. The Indians came from as far away as Mattawa to sell their furs.*