

# Miss Flora Moffat, Former Resident Details Experiences in New Zealand

Many readers of the Free Press will recall Miss Flora Moffat, formerly of Acton, who now resides in Auckland, New Zealand. Miss Moffat is a sister of Duncan Moffat, Nassagaweya representative on the Acton District High School Board. Following is a letter received this week from Miss Moffat, telling of some of her experiences.

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Dear Mr. Dills:

I was pleased to see my last letter published and so I am taking the liberty of writing again as my New Zealand experiences continue to be very interesting. In early December, I had the good fortune to be invited to go with the Auckland Business and Professional Women's Club to visit the Waitomo Caves, which are about 130 miles south-west of Auckland. The ladies had chartered a bus for the outing and we had a jolly time.

**Waitomo Caves**  
On our arrival at Waitomo, we had our dinner at the Waitomo Hotel, which is one of the places chosen by Queen Elizabeth II for a short rest during her visit to New Zealand in 1953. New caves are being discovered all the time by speleologists, but only a few are open to the public. A guide took us through the magnificent cave of the three at Waitomo and I would like to tell you a little about each of them although I'm afraid no words of mine will do them justice.

The Arangi Cave was discovered in 1911 by a Maori by the name of Ruruku Arangi when he was hunting for some wild pigs. Apparently the pig chose the cave as a last means of escape and so was the unwitting means of the discovery of this lovely Maori cavern. The magnificent cave of 20 ponds for his discovery but it seems fitting that the cave was named after him. I might add by way of interest, our party alone paid more than 20 ponds to see the caves.

**Bell Bird**  
As we walked along the path to the entrance of the cave, our guide hushed us to silence and I heard for the first time the sweet tinkling note of a N.Z. Bell Bird. On entering the cave, we were shown an unending succession of white limestone stalactites and stalagmites of breathtaking beauty, probably unsurpassed anywhere else in the world. To name a few of the formations, there is a good replica of Grumpy, a pipe organ, a golden fleece, and a watermelon.

I found it hard to believe such beauty could exist in the hidden depths of the earth and the words of the psalmist, "O Lord of Hosts" kept coming to my mind. After we finished in the Arangi Cave, we went to the Waitomo Cave to see the glowworm grotto. Many countries can boast of caves but only New Zealand has a glowworm cave.

**Glow Worms**  
Our guide first explained we must have absolute silence as any sudden noise will cause the glow worms to close up so you cannot see the lights. We were taken in groups of 20 in a small boat through an underground river and where all should have been darkness, the lights from millions of glow worms lined the walls and ceiling of this cavern, the dimensions of which are 100 feet long, 50 feet high and 40 feet wide. We sat in silence for several minutes and feasted our eyes on this truly magical sight, and as we left the sanctuaries, we knew we had seen one of the loveliest places in the world.

**Hot December**  
Also by mid-December, the schools close for the long annual holiday as the weather is hot. Many families leave for summer homes and Christmas is spent on the beach. This year I went to a festive occasion as a Canadian Christmas, but I enjoyed it as I spent it with friends and ate a substantial dinner of roast turkey and plum pudding. Roast lamb and fresh green peas are favorite Christmas fare in New Zealand.

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as where Auckland now stands. From Mt. Eden, you can see the Waitomo Harbor, which is on the Pacific Seaboard, and the Manukau Harbor, which opens into the Tasman Sea. For the price of a shilling, you could travel by bus from one to the other but if you wanted to go by steamer, you would have to travel approximately 1,000 miles around the north end of N.Z.

**Sheep Station**  
About a month ago, I visited a family in the town of Plenty which is on the Bay of Plenty on the east coast. This was my first visit to a sheep station (ranch to Canadians). It was shearing time and I had hoped to see the procedure, but it was raining and work was done by a contractor who employs a crew of both men and women. In this case, they were all Maori people. The men do the shearing and an expert can accomplish as many as 300 a day. The women sort and pack the wool in large bales for shipping.

The farmer showed me all the equipment and explained the operation to me, so I came away with a good idea of how it was done, but I was disappointed that the weather was so unsuitable for picture taking. The farm, which consisted of 750 acres of hills, valleys and forest lands, was beautifully situated overlooking the Pacific Ocean on one side and the town site on the other and more than 3,000 sheep grazed there.

**Fine Beach**  
We went driving along Ohope Beach, which extends for three and a half miles south of the town and is one of the finest I have seen. Thousands of people visit it annually and campsites are in evidence all along the way. So far, no hotels have been built and campers lead an outdoor life of extreme simplicity basking in the sun, swimming, surf riding on the long, rolling waves, and many sleep in tents.

On a clear day and looking about 30 miles off shore, White Island, one of the few active volcanoes, can be seen. Captain Cook

discovered it in 1770. It is a small island, but it is very fertile and produces a large amount of food for the islanders.

**High School Students To Present Comedy Play**  
Following months of practice a three-act comedy play will be staged by the Acton High school students entitled "They Gave Him a Co-Ed." The play will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The comedy in three acts has its setting in a college town in the central Appalachian area of the United States. When Dean Brown (played by Paul McGeachie) arrives on the scene he creates a great deal of confusion and laughter.

Mrs. Ted Franklin is directing the play and is assisted by members of the staff and other students. The presentation promises to be both amusing and entertaining and tickets are now on sale from any of the high school students for their night's performance.

Included in the cast are Paul McGeachie, Bill Henry, Andrew

**CAMPBELLVILLE**  
Thinking Week ended celebrations in the Campbellville area. The Scouts and Cubs, 64 in all, attended the Church service at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon, with R. P. Jettars in charge, taking as his text "The Scout Promise to do my best, do my duty to God, and the Queen, help all other people at all times, and obey the scout law. Each child was urged to practice Christianity in every day life. A motto of their own "I Serve" would cover all phases of their work.

William Andrews and David Jettars dedicated the offering and Mrs. Elisa Blacklock was organist for the service. The group leaders were Jas. Wallace Douglas Buckley, Margaret Bawn, Velma Ferrer, Peggy Watson, Carol Cross and Ila Bayley.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Inglis were hosts to the S.S. No. 1 progressive euchre party on Wednesday evening when five tables were in play. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. Archie Smith, Mrs. Edgar work, Melville Angew and Fred Freeman. The next party will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Inglis in two weeks.

Mrs. Katharine McPhedran spent last week in Toronto visiting with her aunt Mrs. J. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King attended the funeral of the late Altered Webb at Galt on Thursday. William Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson of R. E. Milton, passed his grade one theory examination in piano recently.

that great South Seas explorer, is credited with its discovery in 1769. The island is a famous breeding ground for gannets and a very large colony is found there.

**121st Birthday**  
On January 30, Auckland celebrated its 121st birthday. The main event was a regatta on the Waitomo Harbor. They estimated that approximately 600 sail boats participated in the race, providing thrills and spills for thousands of spectators who watched from the shore. Bright sun made the harbor sparkle and beflagged merchant ships added color to the event, which lasted from early morning until late evening.

On February 21, the Auckland Business and Professional Women's Club held their annual candlelighting service. The club, which had its origin in the U.S., now covers the world with a membership of 50,000. 24 candles were lighted, representing national federations of the club. The candles were lighted by guests, many of whom wore their national costume from the various countries represented, and I felt honored to be asked to light the candle for N.Z.

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**"Desert Dolls" Hold Meeting**  
Nassagaweya "Desert Dolls" held their first two meetings at the home of their leader, Mrs. Malton. At the first meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Dorothy McLean; vice-president, Barbara Lapp; secretary, Louis McLachlan; treasurer, Susie Richardson; pianist, Winifred Dunbar; press reporter, Doris Moffat.

At the second meeting, members learned how to make two fruit desserts, a strawberry and rhubarb shortcake and a jelled fruit salad. Many samples of Ontario fruits were shown by the leaders. They tasted as good as they looked. Members ate the desserts and salads for lunch.

**C.G.I.T. NEWS**  
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**United Church Organ Gets Final Tuning**  
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Mr. and Mrs. John Oldfield of Athlery spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bayley.

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## Many Visitors In Local Homes

Mr. and Mrs. All Winters, Quebec were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin, Patsy and Nancy.

Mrs. Harry Horlop spent the weekend in Rochester with Misses Lois Black and Jennifer Hillman. Sunday visitors with Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Travell were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton and Jan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patten, Diane and Kenny, Guelph.

Mrs. Maude, Guelph, spent a couple of days with her daughter, Edna at the home of Harold Suter. The Young Couple's Club of the Everiton and Guelph Church of Christ held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jestin on Monday evening.

Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ware were, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Edwards and boys of Eramosville, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dohy George and Jimmie, and Barbara Ann Ware of Acton.

**Y's Menettes Plan Rummage Sale Soon**  
Two games of bowling Monday began the regular meeting of the Acton Y's Menettes Club after which the business session was conducted at the home of Mrs. Sid Sautz.

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## Ottawa Report Red China's Recognition

By Sandy Best, M.P.

One of the most frequent questions I am asked concerns Canada's recognition of Red China. There seems to be an increasing volume of opinion in Canada that whether or not we like the actions of this nation, we ought to face up to the fact of its existence. We recognize Russia and many other totalitarian states, it is pointed out, whose actions in the past and even today are far from the accepted standards of international behaviour. If mainland China exists and we trade with her and face the consequences of her decisions and actions in Asia, it is felt by some that we ought to officially recognize her both in Canada and in the United Nations.

In contrast to this, a strong body of opinion in Canada and the United States points out that while there is a free Chinese Government in Formosa, we ought not to recognize the more recent regime on the mainland. Red China's repeated military forays into Korea, Tibet, and border actions, at other points, have tended to make recognition even more difficult, at times, when public opinion was perhaps increasing in this direction.

**Matter of Time**  
However, the changing composition of the United Nations, with increasing representation from the lands of Africa and Asia, makes it likely that recognition of Red China by the United Na-



CORBETT GRAY supervisor of art for the elementary schools in Guelph, was guest speaker recently during an art display in the Robert Little school when Acton and Milton teachers were present. Mr. Gray is pictured above as he looks over some of the art brought with him from Guelph schools. His helper in displaying the artwork is David Butler, local pupil.

**Police Called Out To Glen Williams**  
North Halton P.O.P. were called out to Glen Williams Saturday evening to investigate a three-car accident during the flood.

According to police, a car owned by McClure Furniture Store, Georgetown, was stopped on the Ninth Line because the road was impassible. A car driven by John Asseline of Glen Williams and a car driven by Jack Leslie of Glen Williams approached from the rear, and in a chain reaction crash, caused \$950 total damage.

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## Dress Catches Fire 10-year-old Burned

A 10-year-old Acton district girl, Bonnie Campbell, R.R. 4, was seriously burned Thursday of last week, when her nylon dress caught fire as she passed a wood stove in the kitchen of her home.

The mother Mrs. William Campbell, wrapped her in a coat to smother the flames and the child was later taken to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto where her condition was described as fair. She received burns to the lower part of her body and left arm.

The 10-year-old along with her two sisters was getting ready for school at the time of the accident.

**GIRL GUIDE NEWS**  
Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Barr led the girls in singing God Save the Queen and saying the Guide Prayer which opened the meeting. Immediately following roll call and inspection, the company dispersed to Patrol corner. Here they studied tests or worked on badges. Some of the company, with Jill Hurst and Mary Grishow went down town for a test called King's Game. While they were away the Rose Patrol was in charge of the game.

Camp fire, Softly Falls the Light of Day and Taps summed the evening up until next week.

They were let loose almost daily to be blown by prevailing winds over the Communist mainland.

The problems of Quemoy and Matsu, Formosa, and recognition of Communist China are still unsolved. It is certain that they will present large decisions in the immediate months and years ahead.

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