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Chatting...

with M. H. B.

SCHOOL'S OVER for another year and the kiddies are enjoying their first week of holiday. One thing we think is a very nice innovation since "way back when we were a schoolgirl, is the "graduation" ceremony for those who pass their entrance examinations. It was a thoughtful gesture, too, on the part of the Home and School Association, to hold a dinner and dance for the Entrance class pupils from both schools. These are the highlights that are remembered all through life.

INCIDENTALLY, SINCE we're going to be away for a month, we won't be having our little chat again until August. We were afraid we aren't going to be able to work in a much-anticipated visit with Miss Adelaide Miller before both she, and our family headed for holidays. But we were fortunate enough to arrange it, and know you'll enjoy hearing about some of the very interesting hobbies she has. Miss Miller has been a resident of town since she purchased the Charles Henderson house on Maple Avenue last fall. One hobby of which Miss Miller has practically made a career, is the study of Oriental culture. She has her B.A. in Anthropology and her M.A. in Chinese or Oriental Studies from the University of Toronto. The two tie in very nicely, making her well qualified for the position of assistant to the Curator of the Chinese Collection in the Ontario Museum in Toronto. Miss Miller held this position the year before coming to Georgetown.

PERHAPS IT WAS only natural that Miss Miller should have developed a desire to learn as much as possible about Oriental culture and art, since her family has always been interested in it. Her mother's family were Hollanders, who went to Java to become tea and coffee planters. They were among the first people to go to Java, and some of her relatives are still there. As we know from reading the news, things are rather unpleasant there now for the white planters, so the family is gradually pulling out and the plantations are being sold. Miss Miller's mother was born in Java and always had mementos and art works from the orient in her home, although she was educated in Holland.

TO OBTAIN A truly authentic impression of the Orient, Miss Miller and her sister spent several months in the East. They stayed in Japan for six months, in Korea for one month, and they also visited in China, Java and India. During her trip, Miss Miller collected many lovely and unusual specimens of Eastern culture and art. She has many of these in her home on Maple Avenue which she purchased last summer from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson. We admired an intricately hand-carved screen from Kashmir, India, of teakwood, which was so heavy it was impossible to move, and on a smaller scale, a love-

ly little end table of carved teakwood. A very fine wood carving of a Chinese god rests on a table near a truly impressive "dragon chair," which was the ceremonial chair of a mandarin. Miss Miller showed us a very old vase which she believes to be a Ming. The colourings and a "typical" blue horse led her to acquire this "find." Another precious and ancient acquisition is a Chinese book in manuscript form, which is so old, Miss Miller hardly dares touch it.

AND THIS SUBJECT led her to tell us that at the Museum technicians quite frequently take a year to undo one of these ancient manuscripts. The parchment is so fragile that it has to be dampened in a certain way and bent a little each day until it is completely opened out. That is just a small example of the unending patience and skill used in handling the precious objects which come to the Museum, which are quite often shattered on arrival and have to be restored.

ONE MONUMENTAL TASK of restoration was undertaken when the whole wall of a Chinese temple was shipped here. It had a wonderful fresco on it, but the wall itself was crumbling with age. So, in order to ship it, it was cut in chunks. On arrival here it was put together like a jig saw puzzle but the wall was in such bad shape this drastic measure had to be taken in order to preserve it. Thus the whole front of the wall was encased in a plaster cast while the Chinese mud plaster was chipped away from the back until only the front paint-shell of the fresco remained, supported by the front of plaster. Then the back was filled in again with new plaster, and the front caste was taken off, so that the art work could now be preserved for a great many more years. The Chinese mud taken from the back of the fresco was carefully saved and it is used to mend all the Chinese items in the Museum.

MISS MILLER is interested in all antiques. One quite unusual item is a framed proclamation of the War of 1812 as it appeared in the Niagara Newspaper "The Bee." The paper is dated July 22nd, 1812. The proclamation of war is signed by Isaac Brock, Major General and President. Miss Miller also had in her possession another memento of this era in the form of a table made of wood used in the first Brock's monument. There are still names carved in it.

IN ADDITION to her hobbies of oriental culture and antiques, Miss Miller took journalism at the University of Toronto, and she is also adept at linoblock printing on fabric. Done by hand, and in more than one colour, the hobby requires skill. The reward lies in the fact that the dyes are washable, making the design both completely original and practical. And with such a wide variety of interests, you can see how moving out here to a small town from Toronto can make no appreciable difference, except perhaps to give her more time to devote to her hobbies. Certainly time can never hang heavy on Miss Miller's hands.

LORNE SCOTS MANOEUVRES



RHIL's Major John Rumball and Lorne Scots Captain Lionel Pellerin are shown as they brief newsmen and visitors on the aim of the manoeuvres at Waterdown recently when the Lorne Scots stormed the "enemy" RHIL stronghold. In the picture below, after the exercise, Sgt. Henry Davies of the RHIL shows his tin Douglas how a 2 inch mortar is fired.

TO RETURN again to our new subdivision residents, we have Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Watson living on Cleaveland Drive in the Cloverleaf Heights subdivision, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vinnell; Mr. and Mrs. Abton Sax; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Corrigan; Mr. and Mrs. Pat J. Butler; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. O'Neill on Mary Street in the same subdivision.

FARM NEWS FRED NURSE TOPS WHEAT GROWERS

Word has been received from Mrs. George E. Readhead, secretary of the Halton Agricultural Society, of the awards made in the field crop competition in winter wheat, which was sponsored by the Milton society. The fields were scored last week by E. H. Wood of Hamilton and the awards were as follows: Fred Nurse, Ashgrove; F. O. Hunter, Norval; Ross Segsworth, Burlington; M. C. Beatty, Milton; John M. Bird, Ashgrove; Ernest Pell, Omagh; Lorne Laing, Milton; Harvey Nurse, Ashgrove; Mac Alexander, Norval; M. T. McNabb and Sons, Georgetown. The first prize field is of the Gene-see variety.

Four in One Family Receive Citizenship

Four members of one family which came to Canada from Holland were among the group of six persons to receive citizenship papers in Guelph recently. Judge Frank England, recently appointed county judge for Huron, presided and after being welcomed himself by Harry Howitt, QC, on behalf of the Wellington County Bar Association, on his first appearance, welcomed the new Canadian into citizenship.

His honour explained the reason for the oath of allegiance which the group repeated after Sheriff Carman H. Waind, QC. Canada was part of the British Commonwealth of Nations and Elizabeth is Queen of Canada, he told them. No more was expected from them than from all Canadian citizens. They were to obey the laws and fulfil their duties as Canadian citizens. The approach of the provincial elections probably prompted his honour to tell the group that they should acquaint themselves with the country's political system, which elects by majority vote. They should get acquainted with the procedure and the issues before the public — and exercise their franchise. "Sometimes too many of our own people slip a little in exercising their franchise. If too many do so I don't like to think what may result — this privilege has been lost in some countries. It is a great responsibility and a great privilege to vote — do all you can to cast your ballot, his honour declared. The family group now residing at R. R. 1, Glen Williams, comprised Hilda and Dore DeWitt and their two sons, Harry and Albert, successful Dutch farmers. The other two new Canadians are John Fabi, Mount Forest, formerly of Czechoslovakia and Lorenzo Polo, Surrey Street, in Guelph, who came here from Italy. Judge England urged the group to acquaint themselves to the best of their ability with the English language. "While other languages are as good and the English language have nothing on others as far as I know, they are official here and you'll enjoy life a lot more and have association with others if you learn the English language, said his honour. "People who live in Canada enjoy great privileges. I understand it is believed everywhere that Canada is the finest country in the whole world. You will get protection of Canadian laws — which is good protection. Among the privileges and freedoms in this country is the freedom of religion, in the form of the church of your choice and you can bring your families up in any religion you feel inclined. We enjoy great educational privileges. I was going to say we enjoy them free, but we do have to pay by way of taxation in support of primary and secondary schools and while there are some fees in universities and colleges, they are endowed by the government."

GLEN TEACHERS ATTEND CONFERENCE ON READING. Mrs. Edna Beaumont and Mrs. Nelnie Gardiner of the Glen Williams public school staff attended the Canadian Conference on Reading sponsored by the Federation of Women Teachers and held at Toronto University July 4-5.

Salvation Army Ceremony for Brampton Leader and Bride

In a simple Salvation Army ceremony in the Guelph Citadel, Second-Lieutenant Amy Iredon Escott, BSc.N. became the bride of Senior Captain Raymond M. Homewood. The bride's father, Brig. Clinton Escott officiated at the two o'clock ceremony, assisted by Sr. Captain Frank Moss.

For the wedding, the Citadel was arranged with palms and ferns as a background for tall baskets of red and white carnations with baby's breath and bowls of white star chrysanthemums and red carnations on both the piano and organ. Blue delphiniums and ferns graced the front vestibule.

Brig. Escott gave his daughter in marriage. She wore her navy Salvation Army uniform and carried a white Bible centred with an orchid and Stephanotis with white streamers.

Cadet Sgt. Esther Knowles of the Salvation Army Training College, Toronto, was maid of honour. She, too, wore the navy Salvation Army uniform and carried a white Bible with red Sweetheart roses and short ribbon streamers.

Miss Joyce Homewood of Brantford was bridesmaid. Wearing a navy Salvation Army uniform, Miss Homewood led the way as the standard bearer during the processional. She carried the Salvation Army flag with white cord and red tassels decorating it for the happy occasion.

On reaching the platform, Miss Homewood handed the colours to standard bearer Lieut. Kenneth Holbrook. During the remainder of the service she carried yellow roses.

Little Eileen Effer was flower girl, wearing a long, full dress of white tulle over blue. She wore a matching bandeau and carried a small basket with pink and white flowers.

Sr. Capt. John Carter of Brock Avenue Corps, Toronto, and a former classmate of the groom at Training College some years ago, was best man.

The ushers were Mr. Gordon Effer of King, Mr. Rudi Kantor of Etobicoke, Ernest Homewood, brother of the groom from Port Credit and Mr. Herbert Fries of Galt.

The bride's aunt, Sr. Mjr. E. E. Escott of Windsor was the soloist and during the signing of the register, sang the wedding hymn "Saviour let Thy sanction rest on the union witnessed now." Mr. Robert Walker of Brampton was the accompanist.

A reception followed for 140 guests in the Elizabeth Room of the Royal Hotel. These included relatives from Hamilton, St. Catharines, Brantford, Buffalo, N.Y.; Windsor and Salvation Army officers from India where the groom served some years ago and China where the bride lived with her parents and friends from Toronto and other points.

Of interest was Lt. Col. and Mrs. Beckett's reference to the wedding of the bride's parents in their home in Peking 31 years ago and their visit to Canada that same year. It is strange that their second visit to the Dominion should coincide with the daughter's wedding. Mrs. N. Homewood, the Mayor of Brampton and her husband were also present.

Mrs. Escott received her guests wearing the Salvation Army uniform with a corsage of yellow roses.

The groom's mother assisted wearing the Salvation Army uniform and a red rose corsage.

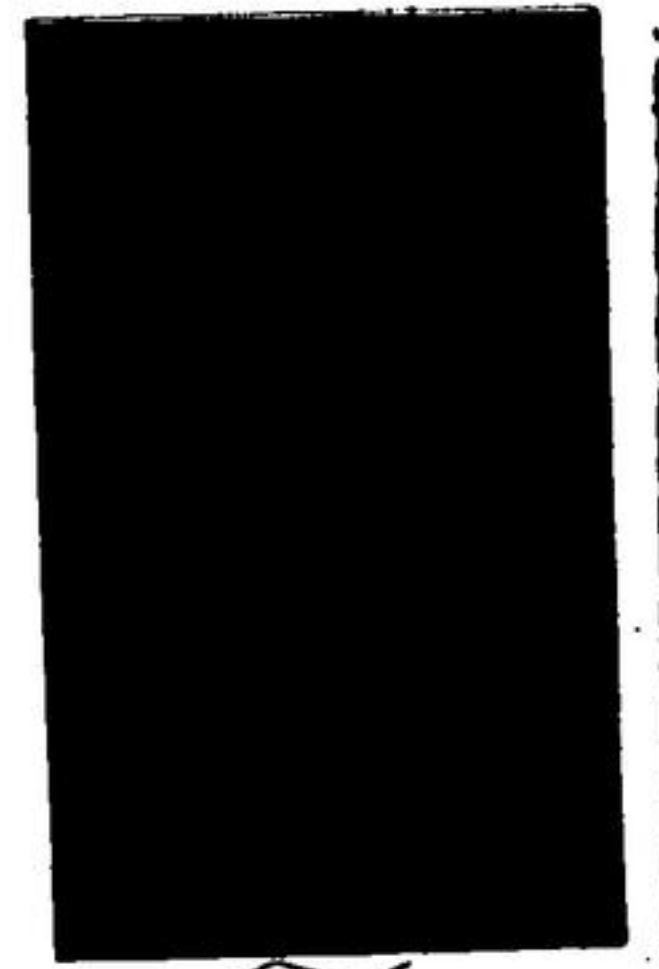
The bride's table at the reception was centred with a three tiered wedding cake decorated in white and silver topped with a crystal vase of flowers.

Of unique interest were the serviettes with Chinese characters.

Tea and coffee were served from a buffet table by Mrs. William Escott of Niagara Falls and Mrs. M. Homewood of Port Credit.

For a wedding trip to points north, the bride wore a white dress and hat with a navy duster lined with the same material as her dress. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Homewood will reside in Brampton where Sr. Capt. Homewood is the officer commanding the Salvation Army Corps. He has recently been elected president of the Ministerial Association there.

Terra Cotta Doctor Oldest at Convention



DR. WILLIAM BARNHART

Oldest attendant at the joint convention of the Ontario, British and Canadian medical associations convention recently at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, was Dr. William Barnhart, 83, who lives in Terra Cotta.

Dr. Barnhart, a life member of the American Psychologists Association worked in Ontario and the United States during his long career. He has not been in active practice for some years.

When he interned at the Hospital for Sick Children in 1891, it was a "two-by-four hospital on Jarvis St."

He remembers battling for better treatment for insane persons during the first meeting of the British Medical Association in Canada in 1897.

"They thought 'crazy people' should just be locked up and forgotten about in those days," he recalls. "The tremendous advance in psychiatry since then always amazes anyone who knew those days."

TRACTOR CATCHES FIRE CALL GEORGETOWN DEPT.

Georgetown firemen were called to the farm of the late Mrs. Fred Rudell Wednesday when a tractor operated by K. Brunger caught fire. It was extinguished before their services were needed.

THE Anglican Parish SUNDAY, JULY 17

TRINITY VI
ST. GEORGE'S
8.00 a.m. — Holy Communion
9.45 a.m. — Church School
11. a.m. — Holy Communion
7.00 p.m. — Evensong and Meditation

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