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**Chatting**  
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IT'S EIGHT YEARS since I last saw the Rockies. That was when the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association held their convention in Jasper. When I learned the convention was to be held in Banff this year, I looked forward to going with great anticipation. I wondered if the mountains could again cast as strong a spell of beauty as they did when I saw them for the first time. I needn't have worried. Their enchantment held from our first view of them at Calgary, as their rugged peaks pierced the horizon of the prairies. Distance made them seem as unreal as cut-outs from grey cardboard. As we came closer and closer, their outlines assumed depth and height till finally we had arrived at the base of the first mountain, with its trees, rocks and snow-capped peak, towering close beside us. And behind and beside that peak there was another, and another and another and seemingly ad infinitum, each one completely different and completely beautiful, stretching miles to the north and the west. Travellers

who should know, say there is nothing more spectacular than our Rockies anywhere in the world. It's not at all hard to believe.

AT BANFF, WE were fortunate enough to be assigned a "room with a view," and in the brief snatches between more active sightseeing trips, I never tired of looking at that vista. Most days we had bright sunshine, and just a few clouds to dapple the mountains with light and shadow, and occasionally to swathe a mountain-top in a trail of chiffon-like vapour. The mountains never look the same for more than ten minutes at a time. And the weather, while good for 90 per cent of the time we were there, is usually as unpredictable as the view. A shower can come up very quickly and disappear just as fast. If you were interested in taking pictures, you carried your camera with you most of the time. You never knew what glorious light effect you might miss if you didn't. I took a good many pictures on colour film, and being a rank amateur at the job can hardly wait till the film is processed to see how they turned out.

ONCE YOU GET the picture-taking bug you go many places and do many things which you ordinarily wouldn't bother with, in order to get a good "shot." Sometimes this enthusiasm can have unfortunate results. I'm thinking about the two young Englishmen we met in the Banff hotel one evening. Another couple at the convention who had come out from England a few years ago, had befriended them on the train. After observing them in several lengthy conferences with the train conductor, they had surmised the boys were having difficulties of some kind. They learned both the young men were students from Cambridge university spending their two-month vacation seeing Canada. They had bought train tickets from Montreal to Victoria, B.C., and return to Labrador. While travelling across the prairies however, the one lad who as a camera enthusiast, decided to try for a picture of the prairies from the open window of a door between coaches. While leaning over the sill to get the best angle for a picture, his train ticket fell out of his top jacket pocket, and blew into a ditch beside the fast-moving train. And of course by the time they had located the conductor and told him of the incident, it was too late to do anything.

However, by the time we met in Banff, they had the matter temporarily straightened out, and seemed not at all worried. They had decided to stop over in Banff and rent a car for the day to see all the sights. Needless to say they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. And they visited their newly-found convention friends at just the right moment too, for they were just about to leave for the Indian grounds where a beef barbecue for the following evening was being prepared. It didn't take any urging at all for the English chaps to accompany us to see how a real western-style barbecue is prepared.

**DONE ON A TRULY** large scale Burns and Co. had donated 400 pounds of choice beef roasts, and in order to cook this, a wide and deep pit was dug. This in turn was lined with heated stone, sand and hot ash from a large wood bonfire built in the pit. The roasts had been carefully wrapped in several thicknesses of cheese cloth, and fast of all in burlap. After they were placed on the sheet of tin separating them from the hot embers, and covered over with another sheet of tin, the soil from the excavation was shovelled back on top, carefully so that none of the heat could escape, and the meat would be done in twelve hours, and could be left longer without harm.

A RANCHER FROM southern Alberta was in charge of making the barbecue. He does it as a hobby, making no charge for his service. I privately thought that I wouldn't care to have the responsibility of cooking all that meat without being able to take a peek or even sneak a little outside slice to see how it was doing. Imagine us housewives being nervous about cooking an itzy-bitsy 20-pound turkey. Don't think I'd sleep a wink all night with 400 pounds of beef roasting under my supervision. There was nothing to worry about, except that the very odd time, a spark from the embers might escape and ignite the sacking wrap around the meat. Then the fat is in the fire indeed. But this doesn't happen very often.

The English boys were fascinated, made notes, and vowed to have a similar "do," for their special Cambridge celebration in May, after their inquiries brought forth the reassurance that after the barbecue was all covered in, a bit of rain wouldn't affect the cooking process. Rain is the biggest hazard of holding barbecues in England.

OUR BARBECUE wasn't held until 6 o'clock the next night. It was just about dusk. They had ten newspapermen lined up behind the roasts to carve the succulent beef onto giant buns for the 400 or so guests. It was tender and done to a turn. The "cook" had done an excellent job. Our members from Alberta had arranged the evening and they certainly entertained us royally. In addition to the beef, they had huge pots of corn boiling on outdoor stoves — there again the thought of cooking corn for 400 staggers me — they made coffee by the gallon, and there were butter tarts and cakes for dessert. So they tell me. I couldn't get past my huge helping of beef.

AND AS WE ENTERED the Indian grounds I was intrigued with a half dozen tepees set up to our right. Walking toward them, I was even more intrigued with the Indians standing around in front of them, smiling a silent welcome. They were colourful looking people in their full native dress. I had brought my

**Art McKane Enters Junior Bull At International**

First entries listed from Ontario for the coming International Dairy Show include some well-known breeders who have been among top winners at the show in past years. The International is set for October 9th through 15th in the International Amphitheatre of the Chicago Stockyards.

One of last year's prominent winners will be back with a big string of 34 Holsteins. Romandale Farms of Gormley, last year won reserve grand champion female with their Almeron Rocket Supreme, topped dairy herds, get of sire and junior get of sire; and placed first in class in 4-year old cows and second in aged cows.

Another among last year's winners is Art McKane of Georgetown who has entered a bull calf, Bondhaven Crusader Champ, which was recently named reserve junior champion bull of the Canadian National Exhibition. Last year his junior yearling heifer, Emeraldale Arrow Lorna, was junior champion female of the international.

Hallward and Houck, Brampton, have entered a Holstein cow in the dry cow class of the International, which is a new competition installed this year.

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The National Jersey Show is slated again this year, and the Jersey breed will also have its first National Jersey Junior Show for boy and girl exhibitors. The Guernsey breed will have its first National Futurity for 3-year old cows. Cash prizes total nearly \$47,000, largest ever offered at the Chicago event.

Top entertainment will again be the International "Golden Spurs" Rodeo, testing man against beast in dangerous and exciting competitions of the cowboy sport. Rex Allen, popular film and TV star, will appear at all performances.

Other events include the 3rd annual National 4-H Educational Conference for Dairy project winners from 18 states, the International Collegiate and 4-H Dairy Cattle judging contests, and a Collegiate Dairy Products Judging contest. The third annual American Dairy Princess contests will take place in the International Little Theatre at the show.

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**SON WAS POLICEMAN HERE AT ONE TIME**

Mrs. Thomas Henry Robb, 78, who died last week in Milton Private Hospital was the mother of Mervin Robb, who was a policeman in Georgetown at the time the town shifted to provincial policing. Mr. Robb, who joined the Ontario Provincial Police now lives in Newmarket.

A Milton native, Mrs. Robb had been ill for a month. She was a member of All Saints Anglican Church, Milton Heights.

Predeceased by her husband, she leaves five other children, Robert of Milton Heights, Mrs. Walker Dennis of Campbellville, Mrs. Robert Buck of Zimmerman, Mrs. Wilfred Disher of Pittsburgh and John of Milton; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Transom, Mrs. Frank Ljdstone and Mrs. Robert McMullen.

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camera, and in spite of the fading light got friend husband to snap a picture of me standing with them. That's one I really hope turns out well.

I took a lot of kidding about that barbecue, because when darkness fell, they lit fires under what I had thought were three log tepees. You can imagine what a spectacular blaze they made, and then when one collapsed it made a beautiful big bonfire. That was when the Indians entertained us with some of their war dances to the accompaniment of tom toms. It was quite a scene in that little clearing ringed with snow-capped mountains. I must have really got in the mood because when they called for lady partners for one of their numbers I somehow let myself be pushed into the firelit circle. I stomped around the campfire with an Indian partner who had bells on his heels and toes, long black braids, and a big Indian headdress trailing past his waist. Between an aching tummy from laughing so hard and eating so much, and aching legs from stomping so hard I was nearly exhausted when we piled into the buses for the trip back to the hotel. But it was worth it. Tell you more next week...

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