



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

I am not as a rule a wagering woman, but being female I found it hard to resist betting recently on what I considered a sure thing. John Pinckney, editor of the Roseville Saskatchewan weekly newspaper, and I couldn't agree on the power of the press and the worth of a press agent. John contended that Elvis Presley would have a Gold Record within five months after his discharge from the United States Army. My reasoning was that nothing is deadlier than a forgotten idol. Not even a powerful press could resurrect his popularity in my opinion.

Now I quiver in my boots, for evidently Col. Tom Parker, the lad's agent and part owner, has done a perfect job of keeping the gyrating, guitar playing crooner on his rock 'n' roll pedestal, despite his two years of service in Germany. And what is more alarming to me, it isn't the teenagers who are clamouring and screaming every time Presley puts in a public appearance. It is women in a much older age bracket.

I saw my wager taking wings when I tuned in a radio program in my hotel room while awaiting train connections en route home from the eastern coast recently. In the background I could hear a baby cooing while the emcee of a program called "Ladies Choice" received a telephone call in response to his query: "Do you think Elvis Presley can make a comeback?" Mother of the infant, probably a former swooning teenager when Elvis was at the height of his popularity, was confident he could. She evidently hadn't lost her allegiance to his appeal, even though romance had bloomed and motherhood had come into her life while he booted it out in compulsory military service.

The program fascinated me. Within an hour and a half ten women called the radio station. They ranged in age, judging from their voices between their early twenties to, let's guess, their late sixties. If their answers are any criterion of the popularity the young man will again attain, I might as well begin saving pennies in my piggy bank to pay off my wager.

I still think my argument was sound. I don't for one moment disparage the might of publicity of any kind, or the value of a column of print. My editorial awareness of its ability to sway public opinion and parlay causes and people into astronomical heights of success is as strong as ever. It was I guess I had seen too many 'has-beens' try for a comeback to worry about raking a bet on Presley. My intuition should have warned me though, that I had not taken into account the constant suggestion Col. Parker has made in his press releases. He played up the fact that this young man, at the height of his career had been 'forced' to serve his country. He played the comparison up for all it was worth over the entire two years. He knew female emotional mechanism better than I do apparently, for he was banking on building an image of great sacrifice and laudable nobility, so that when his human gold mine was discharged, it would start producing immediately.

What ails women anyway? You never see pictures of men or boys pushing and hollering, such as the one printed of London Hobbes, holding back a surge of femininity when Tony Armstrong-Jones escorted his fiancée, Princess Margaret, to the ballet a week after the announcement of their engagement. Surely whole nations of women can't be so maladjusted biologically that they seek emotional release in such idiotic behaviour. It is mass hysteria or just plain exhibitionism? Is it sex or sensationalism?

I haven't been too worried when this almost animalistic instinct has made itself evident at rock and roll sessions where youth has been in the majority among spectators. They are notorious hero worshippers. But good heavens, the grandmothers are swooning now! I'm sending what's left of my bank roll west. I want to buy space in Pinckney's esteemed weekly to raise funds for a home for the few of us females who haven't succumbed. There must be something wrong with us. Who knows, we may soon be in need of institutional care.

Name Councillor Hunter Industry Commission Head

W. F. Hunter of Hunter's Real Estate, 122 Guelph St. will guide Georgetown Industrial Commission during the 1960 term.

Mr. Hunter, a councillor, was chosen to head the commission at an election of officers at the North Halton Golf and Country Club Thursday, March 24th.

Cr. John Elliott was elected secretary treasurer and the rest of the commission includes Harold Bairdstone, Harold McClure, John R. Barber, Reeve Doug Sargent, Cr. Ian Cass and Mayor Ern Hyde.

Members are appointed by council and the Chamber of Commerce.

A comparison of local tax rates with those of other towns and a compiled list of indus-

trial land available here are among their initial undertakings. The commission also discussed a planned roster whereby two members will solicit weekly at various agencies, including the Dept. of Planning and Development, the CNR Industrial Branch, industrial branches of banks, etc.

The commission will meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 12 noon at the North Halton club house.

WORDS OF THE WISE

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest.

—(J. G. Holland)

St. Patrick's Favours Brighten Manor Table

By Muriel Thompson

The regular meeting of the Hobby Class was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 16th. The order of procedure was reversed at this meeting, with the work period coming first. During the this work period the members cut tags from old Christmas cards. During the business period, which ended the meeting, appreciation was expressed for the many donations of discarded nylon hose that are now being received and which are very acceptable for various projects. A number of attractive, finished articles made by members of the class were displayed. The "Happy Birthday" song was sung for Mrs. Locke, who was celebrating her birthday that day, and the hearty round of applause that followed it showed how sincerely the members of the class wished Mrs. Locke many happy returns.

Once again the residents are indebted to the ladies of St. Christopher's Anglican Church in Burlington for very pretty table favours this time in honour of St. Patrick's Day. The favours were small baskets, decorated with shamrocks and filled with candy — the whole scheme being carried out in the St. Patrick's colours, green and white. On St. Patrick's Day the residents found these favours on their tables in the dining room and once again gave a hearty round of applause for these generous ladies of the November Group of St. Christopher's United Church Women's church year.

On Saturday night, March 19, Mr. Harry McDougall of Erin-dale brought his moving picture travelogue, "Holidays in Europe" to the Manor in order to show it again to the residents. This beautiful picture with its lovely colours and haunting music was well worth seeing a second time. It described a trip taken a few years ago by Mr. and Mrs. McDougall and depicted some of the most famous beauty spots in Austria, Italy, the Riviera and Switzerland.

Rev. D. A. Powell, with Mrs. Ray Waters at the piano, conducted the church service on Sunday afternoon, March 20th. Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. B. Freeman and five young girls belonging to the Girls' Auxiliary of Mr. Powell's church, Grace Anglican Church in Milton, came to assist with the singing. Mr. Powell based his sermon on verse 6 of Chapter 3 of First Corinthians. This verse contained the words "I have planted, Apollonia's watered but God gave the increase." Having pointed out the fact that many Christians were to be found in the early churches at the time when Paul wrote this Epistle, Mr. Powell said that Paul was

urging the closest cooperation between God and Man. He developed this theme along three lines. God is dependent upon Man for his cooperation. Man is dependent upon God for His cooperation, and men are dependent upon one another.

A good attendance of about thirty residents enjoyed nine games of bingo on Tues. night, March 22nd. Mrs. S. Allen called the numbers. In a special game for two lines on a card, Mrs. Tinline won a special prize, a box of sandy Prizes for one line each were won by Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. M. Forbes, Miss E. Hannant, J. Medley, H. Marcy and G. Sutton and Messrs. A. Baker, and E. McKinney, while Mr. Jim McDuff won two prizes.

A large turnout from among the movie fans at the Manor, witnessed another "full length" motion picture on Thursday night, March 24th, when Mr. S. Allen the superintendent ran the projector to show the film "Captains Courageous". This enjoyable film, the chief locale of which was the Grand Banks of Newfoundland was based on the name and starred Freddie Bartholomew, Spencer Tracy and Lionel Barrymore.

Although he was suffering from a severe attack of influenza, Rev. J. I. Graham was so kind as to come to the Manor to conduct the church service on Sunday afternoon, March 27. Mr. Graham read the beautiful old Psalm, number 46 and offered a very eloquent prayer. The congregation sang a number of familiar hymns, in lieu of a sermon.

LITTLE EXPORTED
Export sales amount to only about 3% of the business of Canada's electrical manufacturing industry.

Home to a small boy, is merely a filling station.

Controversial Corner

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Isn't this a very good opportunity for the Government to have a complete reappraisal of defence policy and spending? If we cannot afford to buy or produce an effective attack-deterrent weapon, it is high time we realized this basic truth, and stopped wasting money on obsolete surplus junk. This would necessitate shattering the grand illusion of Canada as a nation effectively armed. We might just as well shatter that illusion right now because we are NOT effectively armed.

Alternatively, we might continue our present hand to mouth policy of determining our defence expenditure on the basis of expediency and compromise. Taking more aid from the United States in the form of whatever weapons they have to spare. In this manner we will gradually become completely integrated with their service chiefs and irrevocably tied to their political policies and decisions.

If we wish to maintain adequate defence weapons, without domination from our southern neighbours, then we must be prepared to pay the considerably higher taxes necessary to achieve this. We must be prepared for annual defence budgets three or four times greater than at present.

The final alternative, and I wonder sometimes if this would not be the wisest policy, is to abandon all pretence of being a world power — that is a world power from the arms point of view. Perhaps we would be wiser to confine our defence expenditure to fulfilling our obligations to NATO, as long as this organization serves some purpose, and to maintaining only a small army, navy and air force at home; a force just sufficient to patrol our borders and coastline and to support the authority of the government.

Regardless of what decision the government reaches, it should make some decision. This perpetual determination to avoid coming to grips with the problem, this grim support for the illusory ability of weapon-

Colonel Blimp approach is not good enough. If our present Defence Minister cannot formulate a policy for his department let us have a new minister.

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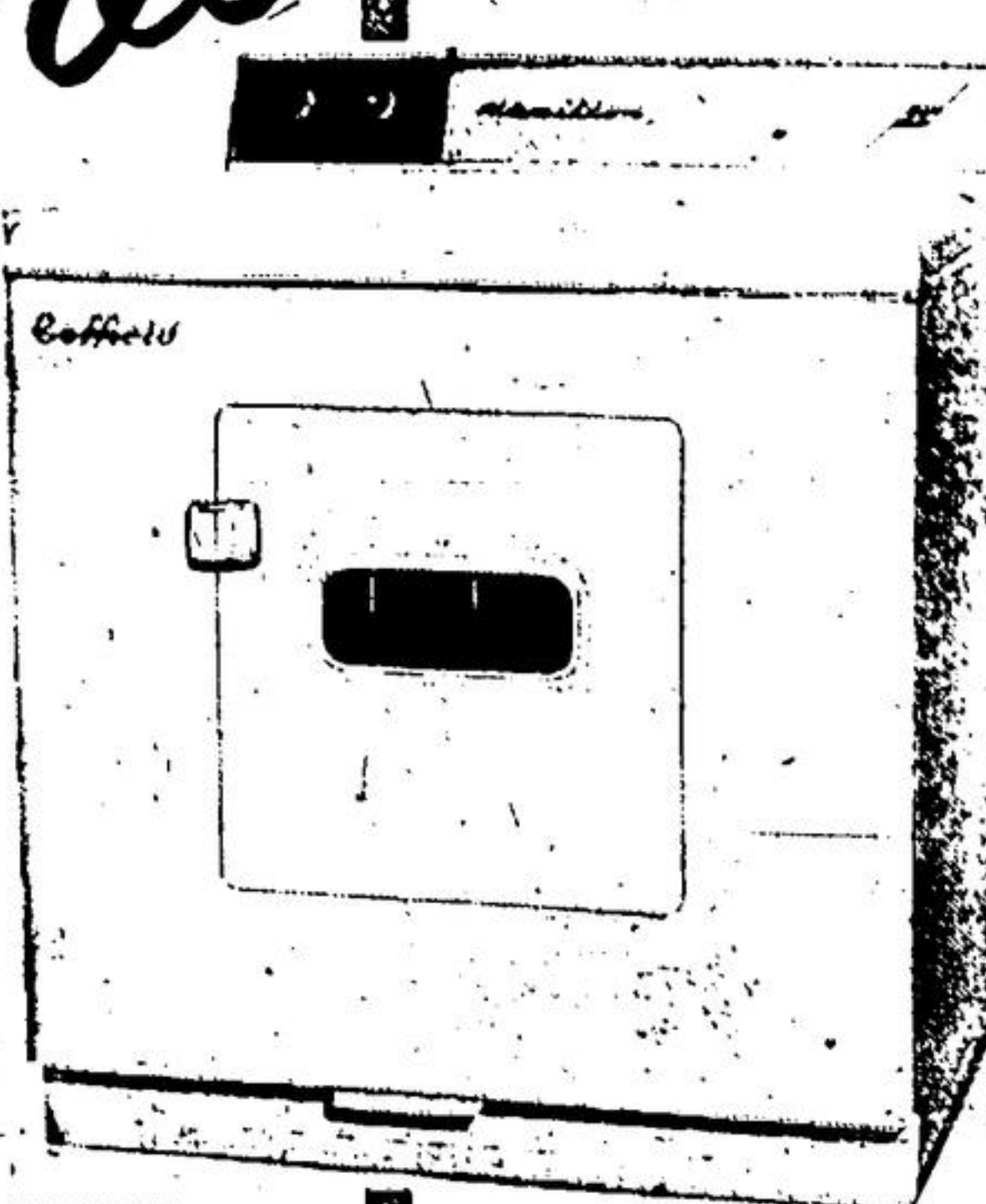
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