

Canada's Armed Forces



TODAY — AND 15 YEARS AGO
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LONDON, England — This isn't a story about our NATO forces. It's a fill-in until we get over to Canada's Infantry Brigade. And we do want to tell of the experience of driving through London's rush hour traffic in a Canadian car on the "wrong side of the street" without a street plan, even when we started planning our trip to England and the continent, last winter, we made arrangements with our Chevrolet dealer, A. L. McAuley, an ex-RCAF type to pick up an Envy "Sherwood" Stationwagon in London.

Looking back on our experience, we would advise anyone contemplating picking up a car in the United Kingdom to complete arrangements through their local dealer. There's a personal touch that means so very much when you enter the office over here.

We had completed the necessary forms with Lindsay Council another very reassuring delay in the car insurance membership in the Automobile Association who looked after the international insurance certificate (Green), reservations on the Dover-Calais Ferry, affiliation with the continental auto clubs, and supplied a wealth of information.

When we presented our letter of introduction to Vauxhall on Wardour Street, off Shaftesbury Avenue, we were greeted over to politely and escorted to a well-appointed lounge as two other Canadians were ahead of us. The paperwork was

weren't out of the woods yet. As traffic pressed us, almost in sight of the familiar station, we took the wrong side of the "right" and were on our way to Mitcham before we got our bearings. We wheeled about and tailed a "BT" double-decker bus back to the station.

All in all, we decided we had enough excitement for one day and a cup of English tea was more than welcome. All that we were home ahead of our womenfolk, who had decided they wanted to do some more shopping — they never voiced concern over our driving capabilities — but they spent a good hour looking for the right bus to get them out to Morden.

We turned on the starter with not a little trepidation, for the five o'clock traffic rush was on. And added to our worries was the fact we hadn't operated a gearshift car in eight years. After a quick instruction on how to get across London, we decided we'd have to call on our wartime driving habits and get out into that mad whirl of rushing cars, bicycles, motor bikes and scooters, buses and trucks.

The night before we had been taken across London by a Royal Navy driver. When we complimented him on finding his way he remarked casually that he had headed for the southwest (Southwest Dr. had sorted out the streets after he got there. So we thought we'd do the same.

We came down past the famous Windmill Street and Theatre turned onto Piccadilly Circus, wondering which spoke of the wheel was the "Haymarket." We hit it as we went around with the traffic stalled at a traffic light when we for got the left foot had to operate the clutch and made our way to Trafalgar Square, past the Royal Museum, St. Martin's in the Field, Nelson's Column and his patient lions and fluttering pigeons, Admiralty Arch to Whitehall. We even found time to point out these historical landmarks to our ten-year-old son. Through the comparative quiet of Whitehall we drove past the Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street and the Cenotaph. Big Ben boomed up over Westminster as we went along the Embankment.

We wanted Wandsworth Bridge over the Thames, but we settled for Chelsea, and from here we had to do it by car. After a couple of miles or so and a couple of stalls at traffic lights we cheered when we saw a sign for "Balham." We were on the way. All we had to do was try and parallel the Tube along Tooting Bec Tooting Broadway, Collier Wood, South Wimbledon, and the next would be Morden, the end of the Northern Line and just around the corner from our "adopted home" at 86 Sandbourne Avenue. But, we

Town Relatives Attend 40th Anniversary

Several relatives from town joined others from Hamilton and Windsor on Sunday for a surprise party in London in honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meyer. Their daughter, Mrs. Fred Peper and Mr. Peper were hosts for the happy event.

Present from town were their son Kenneth, his wife and children Tom, Pat and Peter. Mrs. Meyer's brother, Dick Hawes, Mrs. Hawes, Larry, Brenda, Irene and Lawrence and her sisters Mrs. William Hill and Mrs. Wilfred Miles with their husbands and families. Mr. and Mrs. Hank Meyer, Dianne Hill, Mrs. Myerina, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Hays and Janice Meyer, and another brother from Fern, William Hawes, his wife and family.

Local Golfers Triumph Over Guelph Club 12

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North Halton's match with Brampton Golf and Country Club resumes this Saturday at Brampton with North Halton out to equal a slim one stroke lead picked up in their recent match here.

School Teacher Visiting In Europe This Month

Miss Florence Luke, who teaches French and German at Georgetown High School, is concluding a one-month European vacation where she has had a tour of some of the noted music and drama attractions.

In a card to the Herald, she tells of attending the Oberammergau Passion Play and then the Festival at Brno in Austria where she saw Swan Lake performed on the lake.

"It has been the highlight of the trip... simply magical," she says.

She also saw a Strauss musical ballet Wiener Blut before moving on to Zurich and Salzburg. Miss Luke visited in Munich with a former school pupil, Brenda Robinson, who is now Mrs. Gunther Fry of that city.

Shows, Presentations For Margaret McGuigan

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Describes Visit To Girls' Conference

The Hornby Women's Institute held their August 16th meeting in the Hornby Orange Hall. This was the annual girls' meeting intended to be held at the Community Park but on account of the cool weather decided to have it indoors.

The Institute held a brief business session. Arrangements were made for the leaders of the two girls' clubs, which are sponsored by the Hornby W.I., to attend the training school in Milton. An amount of \$5 was voted to be donated to the Bursary Fund. The meeting was turned over to the 411 Home-making Club. Mrs. C. Paterson assisted by Joanne Paterson and Diane Break of Hornby South demonstrated "Getting Ready for a Children's Party." Mrs. Jack Sampson and Diane Hoes demonstrated "Preparing an Invited's Tray."

Dianne Wrightworth gave an account of her trip to the Girls' Conference held at Macdonald Hall, Guelph.

Mrs. Peggy Merry moved a vote of thanks to the girls and their leaders, Carol Jean Neilson and Patsy Wilson of the Hornby North Club. Mrs. in charge of the games, Mrs. Clara Ford, was the prize for the most clothes pins, the battle and Bessley Hoes secured the jelly beans in the jar. Mrs. P. Merry was the oldest lady present. All returned to the kitchen where the evening was a social and much was enjoyed by all.

Birthday greetings to Mary Lou Binkley who will be six years old on August 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Leslie and Mrs. Bill Binkley, returned from a week-end in Milton on Saturday night. A fine time of their stay was a hike.

Mr. and Mrs. "Sonny" Hall and Peter and Mrs. Robert Hoes are spending a few days holiday at Wassata Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Leslie and family and Randy Houston were Sunday visitors.

Ray and Mrs. J. C. Hill and family moved into the new parsonage next to the church over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley spent the weekend camping in the Milton district.

Mr. Jack O'Connell had the misfortune to sprain his ankle at the Hornby Community Park on Sunday. He was playing ball with the junior boys' baseball team.

Get well wishes are extended to Arnold Hoaden who is a patient in Milton District Hospital recovering from an appendectomy.

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Reconsider Appointing County Fiscal Agent

It's the thin edge of the wedge, contended Deputy Reeve A. Service of Nassaga when "trying to get the appointment even before the matter has been discussed."

The outcry was provoked at the county council meeting when two gentlemen, Mr. Bell and Mr. Campbell of Bell Gounlock, financial advisers, asked to speak to Council, without being on the agenda, the usual practice. Earlier in the day, by telephone, they had been told first they could talk, and next, they could not.

Warden Doug Sargent admitted that he wasn't familiar with the operations of a fiscal agent, and felt some explanation might be helpful. Deputy Reeve F. Near, of Trafalgar, agreed. "I think they should explain what a fiscal agent does, besides," he continued, "anyone is at liberty to be heard at County Council."

Reeve Mary Pettit, Milton, objected. "No one company should present the case. If presented at all, it should be to the Finance Committee."

The deputations was allowed to speak, not at the beginning of the meeting, but just prior to the adoption of the financial committee report.

To the general surprise, Mr. Campbell was opposed to the appointment of a fiscal agent for the County. "We have done the bulk of County financing over the years," he contended, "and feel it is our responsibility to use the best methods to ensure your present high credit rating. A fiscal agent may be a good thing where debentures are coming on the market very frequently, as in a rapidly expanding community, but I feel a call for competitive bids is bound to get the best price." Mr. Bell reiterated his partner's opinion.

When the decision to reconsider the appointing of any fiscal agent was announced, Mr. Campbell, of Bell Gounlock, commented, "I am glad to hear it, but if you ever do make the mistake of appointing a fiscal agent, appoint us."

With face bright red with anger, Reeve Phillips of Trafalgar, a member of the finance committee who recommended it, jumped up exclaiming, "I resent that remark." Mr. Campbell apologized saying, "I'm sorry, I was merely being facetious."

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