Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

The buzzer was persistent. It had awakened me from that glorious sleep I always experience aboard a train and I felt instinctively something was wrong. Then, as the signal was repeated, I remembered that the porter usually went to the diner for a cup of java after having first made sure his passengers had all retired for the night.

I don't suppose I would have paid further attention to the continued buzzing, except that it had a plaintive pleading sound. Not that of a crusty passenger who has used up his supply of towels and wants more pronto, or a mother whose naughty child has spilled the contents of a thermos all over his bed. No, the passenger I felt needed help.

Suddenly there seemed to be a reason for haste. I struggled into my dressing gown (the sleeves are always inside out when I am in a hurry) and went in search of the porter, or the conductor.

Minutes seem like hours at a time like that, yet I don't suppose five of them had elapsed before the porter had the door to the bedroom accommodation open and I discreetly departed for my quarters.

Within seconds he tapped at my door. "Have you any candy ma'am?" he asked. You don't look at a CNR porter in the middle of the night as if he is trying to be facetious by making such a request. You just rummage around in your capacious handbag for that roll of chocolate peppermints and give them meekly to a perspiring angel of mercy. My hand shook a little as I offered the sweets to him, but I didn't ask any questions.

There was a muffled commotion and I tried to imagine what was going on in that aisle outside my door. The train made a stop. Then there was more rustling and muffled conversation. Soon all was quiet as the train gained momentum and I dozed off knowing that again I had witnessed the efficiency with which the railway's employees met an emergency.

The next day, a rather tired, very pale gentleman stopped at my open door and asked if he might have a chat with me.

"I could quite easily owe my life to you," he said rather startlingly, "or should I say, to you and the employees of the CNR."

He told me he was a diabetic. He had realized he was experiencing an insulin reaction and was practically in a coma when the porter had arrived. Just able to murmur "candy," he knew later how lucky he was that the porter grasped the situation. He had been able to get him to suck on the candy until the train reached a station where a doctor was waiting to treat him.

I have been riding on the rails fairly frequently during the past year and a half. I have been aboard the CNR when a baby was born. I have seen honeymooners board their first 'home on wheels' with glorious anticipation of their years ahead together. There have been little children comforted in their homesickness by crew members and pets given affection while in transit by baggage car attendants, there have been patient porters dealing with temperamental travellers and I have seen cripples and senior citizens given thoughtful service and attention. All of this any CNR employee would tell you is in line of duty.

It is only when you hear a grateful passenger describe how the porter wiped his face with cold, wet towels, kept popping candy into his mouth until he felt the man on the bed had sufficient sugar to counteract the reaction he was suffering from, that you realize how willing employees are to go beyond the call of duty.

This latest experience has added a new sense of security to my happy anticipation of train travel. With my faculty for getting involved in other people's troubles, it is comforting to know I have a knowledgeable crew aboard every train to come to my rescue if I need assistance.

THE MAIL BAG

Letter Writer Comments Zoning, Signs, Editorial

The Editor,
Georgetown Herald.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial, on the subject of hanging signs and zoning of the Wilson property and the subsequent letter of Mr Cass, stirs me to make a few remarks.

Your fine editorial merits the attention of thinking people. The only score Mr Cass marked up was a slight grammatical error (probably). This was the basis of his controversial corner story about slaughter of spoken English but nothing in fact.

Regarding his query as to why Georgetown ever became a planning community, draw a circle (how can you plan a town already 100 years old?).

Mr Cass states that Norgate and his cronies discovered hanging signs were wrong. I [illegible] get the legislation [illegible] her stamped through [illegible] personal experience [illegible] concluded that Mr [illegible] never knew any more about the [illegible] piece of legislation No. [illegible] many other [illegible] whom I [illegible] If he did, why [illegible] attractive [illegible] fective appearance [illegible] 50? Also, who [illegible] signs ordered [illegible] private property [illegible] were left [illegible] Yet they were [illegible] transition of the [illegible]

His [illegible] a traffic [illegible] the [illegible] town they could [illegible] And as I understand [illegible] removed [illegible] reason.

As for [illegible] ing the Vacation [illegible] can only say that [illegible] thirty years of [illegible] sign business. I [illegible] heard such [illegible] are a definite [illegible] media.

As for his [illegible] shopping centre [illegible] planned community [illegible] they are [illegible] has not been [illegible] due to the [illegible] quite such [illegible]

Mr Cass [illegible] look at the [illegible] notice the [illegible] hanging in [illegible] at our own [illegible] Centre.

I trust such [illegible] can give good [illegible] signs are made [illegible] tend to his job as [illegible] removed [illegible] islation and repeal [illegible] legislation based on [illegible] copies and facts [illegible] opinions of people [illegible] their own advantage.

It will be time to [illegible] ban signs of this [illegible] we build out here [illegible] subway.

As to zoning [illegible] merit [illegible] as you already point [illegible] totally [illegible] perty, bounded [illegible] less desirable [illegible] tial.

What the town [illegible] of such properties [illegible] gains could hardly be [illegible] ceed any other property [illegible] ness as speculation [illegible] perty is apparently [illegible] able as speculation [illegible]

If it is desireable that Georgetown become a place [illegible] namely, it surely can not be achieved by stripping [illegible] as at present. The answer may be in zoning Guelph Street from the eastern limits to Water Street, commercial. It is now approximately fifty - fifty in the older part of town. The natural trend in this area is to commercial, there is little chance of this ever returning to residential. Perhaps in fifty years it would be an essential part of a planned community, perhaps sixty-six foot streets would not be wide enough to handle the traffic of the aero-terra cars of that age — then what? More planning?

Yours truly,
G. Avery

Georgetown Institute Plan for Fair Exhibit

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ASHGROVE

Ashgrove W.I. Hold Successful Family Nite

On Friday evening, Sept. 9th the family night of the Women's Institute was held on the lovely spacious lawn of Mr and Mrs Jas Carney. Dad and the children came along too, so altogether eighty attended and had a grand time. Those who wished to play euchre went into the house, others sat at tables outside and enjoyed bingo, in charge of Mrs. John Ruddell. Mrs John McNabb kept the children busy with games and races. Barbecued hot dogs and corn were prepared over hot coals for everyone, also doughnuts and coffee. Prize winners for euchre were Mrs Milton Bird and Fred Nurse. Mrs Lloyd Fisher thanked the program and lunch committee and Mr and Mrs Carney for the use of their home. The singing of Auld Lang Syne concluded a wonderful evening.

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On Saturday afternoon Mrs Frank Ruddell, Mrs Milton Bird, Mrs Cecil Wilson and Mrs W. Bird motored to Camilla to the trousseau tea for Miss Vivean Fish who is being married to Ralph Cunningham this Saturday, Sept. 17th.

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The Bright Star Mission Band met on Sunday afternoon at the home of John and Janet Nurse.

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There will be no service in our church next Sunday as it is Bethel anniversary, the following Sunday will be Rally Day.

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Sixteen children of the Ashgrove Bright Star Mission Band met at the home of John and Janet Nurse on the afternoon of Sunday, September 11th. Janice Coxe was in charge of the programme. The scripture which was taken from James 1 was read by David Austin followed by a story of a boy learning his first Testament which was read by Mrs. Ward Brownridge. Doreen Carney offered a prayer for our missionary in Africa. Doreen favoured us with a piano solo. Susan Tindale gave the dedication for the offering which was taken up by Kenneth and Keith Austin. The meeting closed with a prayer given by Murray Brownridge. A contest called Bible Quiz followed by riddles were presented by Doreen Carney and Janice Coxe and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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Sympathy is extended to Mrs Joseph Drake, Mrs Nethercutt and Mr Charles Kirby on the death of their brother in law in Toronto over the week end.

Ernie Smith Title Holder North Halton

Ernie Smith is North Halton's new C Flight golf title holder.

In the final match for C Flight golfers Sunday, Smith went to the final hole before wrapping up the championship in a win over Dick Grace.

Smith had to conquer Graham Farnell, R McMenemy, R Toast and Dave Morrat to gain his chance at the title, while Dick Grace ousted D Jones, Cec Greenslade, J. Allinson, and G. Bent.

THOUSANDS OF ISLAND

The republic of the Philippines is made up of over 7000 islands, says the Book of Knowledge. They are of all sizes and shapes. The largest are Luzon, in the north and Mindanao in the south.

FARM NEWS

Junior Farmers Take Part at Exhibition

By J. A. F.

[illegible] Junior Farmers took part in the annual agricultural judging [illegible] of the Canadian National Exhibition. Competitions were held in Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Horse, Safe Driving, Farm Machinery, Grain and Root Crops and Vegetables, and Farm Skills. The competitions were held on Artificial Sod Day Wednesday, September [illegible] and included judging and [illegible]. All contestants were awarded a complimentary [illegible] and grandstand tickets.

In the Senior Beef Cattle Section, Sandy Hepburn, RR No. 3, Campbellville, and Walter Henderson, RR No. 6, Milton, were tied for 2nd place with 33 contestants competing.

In the Junior Section, Beef Cattle judging, Carolyn Gardhouse, Milton RR No. 3, tied for 6th, with 44 taking part.

In the senior Sheep judging Carol Hoey, Hornby RR No. 1, placed 6th and Ardith Putman 6th Line, Oakville, placed 13th.

In the Junior Sheep judging Eleanor Taylor, of Burlington, and Bob Merix, Milton RR No. 5 tied for 11th. In the Tract of Safe Driving competition, George Stull, Milton RR No. 5, was 15th.

In Grain and Roots, Junior section, Carolyn Gardhouse, Milton RR No. 5, was 4th, and in Fruit and Vegetables, Sandy Hepburn, Campbellville RR No. 3, was 4th in the senior section, and Eleanor Taylor Burlington, was 3rd in the junior section.

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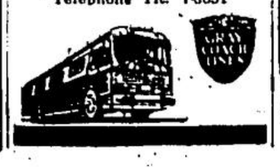

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