



# Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

Every once in a while I receive a letter I like to designate as "fan mail." Far from being lonely as a bawling pig, I picked up my mail at the hotel desk and noticed one letter bore a Seattle postmark. My correspondent began, "I read your column every week." I flipped over the envelope again. Sure enough, "Seattle" read the postmark.

It appears this reader has a friend in Seattle, who has a cousin living in 1960. Out this cousin sends the weekly paper from that town, and in turn she loans it to her friends and neighbours. This explains why my fan club has gained an international alliance.

The letter was written because this particular person said she enjoyed reading about the people I meet while traveling and my trials and tribulations with George, the gardener. There was also an invitation for me to visit these admirers of the Vagabond while out west.

While reading this letter, it occurred to me that the most colorful and certainly the cutest pattern in Canada's mosaic is the variety of native children encounters while travelling from coast to coast. For instance, when our train pulled into the station at The Pas, two lanky black eyes of a tiny papoose peered at me over his mother's shoulder. I wrote about the Eskimo children who giggled and laughed their way into my heart in Vancouver's Chinatown. I found one of the most beloved toys of my childhood had come to life. She was a mite of a Chinese doll, dressed in silken robe, her black pig tails swinging from her shoulders to her waist. She lectured on a miniature pair of wooden shoes built on tiny stilts.

Little people of all nationalities have winning ways, but it is a lass with russet hair and eyes as large and as blue as a willow pattern saucer who unconsciously made copy as the dayliner tooted its way across the prairie fields. It always amuses me how very formal people are when they first board a train. This plump teenager tucked her blue organically skirt in folds between us on the imitation leather seat of the dayliner. She tried to let on I didn't exist as she took three comic books and a chocolate bar from a paper bag. I blinked twice when I read the titles of two of the books out of the corner of my eye. "Teenage Love" and "Kathy's First Love Affair."

Dayliners are the modern replica of the old stage coach. They stop at any hamlet they have express for and while unloading, the station agent and train crew get caught up on all the local gossip. They unload boxes of biscuits for the greener, dry goods for another merchant, an axe for the garage, or a piece of plumbing to modernize a farm kitchen.

It was during one of these polished stops that my seat mate, a blond of 17, I would care to admit, of 17. This was a quick action by police to cover a wheel and tire matter. It was stolen from a car owned by Eric Molybde, Hazel Hill, 11 Gayley Dr. on the weekend end.

The car was parked in the owner's driveway when the wheel was removed some time during the night. Molybde turned it up the following night on a car driven by an Acton youth who has been charged. Also involved, according to a police report are two local youths.

They will appear in court on Monday, December 10th.

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the best dinosaur bones could be found.

She was concerned about how I was going to get my luggage from the station across the street to the hotel where I had a reservation and when we arrived pointed out the various places of business where I would find the men I had come to interview.

I mention this chiefly because this was a new variety of teenager in my experience. She laughed like a child while telling me about the chief winter sport in "dear old Diquin" sliding down hills on the backs of old cars, and then sobered up and with a serious little frown remarked, "My dad's almost an invalid. Mine's pretty hard and now that he's retired, mom and I have to look after him. But I guess that's all right. He looked after us for a long long time."

A western teenager a lovely child and a mature woman all rolled up in one human being. She'll be a catch for some cowboy.

## CLUB MIDTOWN

by Steve

Did you miss the Consul? You probably won't miss them next time because there may not be a next time! Yes, the Consuls have turned professional. This fabulous group have gone over the top of the amateur standings. They have scheduled a recording for some time in January. This is a very big step forward for the 2003 Wayne, drums, Ken, guitar, Norm, sax and Bruce, piano singing.

As many of you fortunate ones have noticed they had a uniform this time. Grey slacks and green cord jackets and black shoes like Ben's. The record which they are to record is entitled "Fame of Love." It is a fabulous sound for sure. You will also see them on your TV in the near future on KBTU and in January on CFTO, channel 9, which opens on January 1st, 1961. We have asked Mr. Herfington to send us some pictures of the Consuls and will pass them out as soon as possible.

The Consul are in Milton this Saturday, November 26th, in the usual Milton dance place, Charles St. Milton.

Your opinions will be appreciated about having the Teen Town Conference here next fall. So let us know what you think.

Have you heard these? "You Are My Sunshine" by Johnny and the Hurricanes.

My pick hit for this seven is "Pillbox Blues Again" by the Pillbox Men of course.

Well I'll cool it for now and see you at Midtown.

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As usual, Halton and Peel breeders were prominent in the "win" list.

A most unusual situation developed in the Premier Breeder competition as this award went to Dr. Hector J. Astengo of Buenos Aires, Argentina, although he did not show any cattle and his Holstein herd from Brampton was dispersed two years ago. His win was made possible through animals bred at Rosalee but now exhibited by other owners.

In the milking aged cow class, the C.N.E. Grand Champion, Cleveva Belle Matilda, for Dr. S. Danton & Sons, Brampton, was forced down to fourth.

The Holby, held for the best young bull by one exhibitor was won by D.S. Danton & Sons who also took the trophy of Dan class with the same pair.

S.N. Grand Champion and the Cleveland pure milking three year old.

Results of interest in the district include:

Junior Bull calf: 2 Yellow and Landow, Brampton on Peel Lodge Farms, Navesink, 20th Traded Farms Ltd., Brampton.

Bull, Senior calf: 3rd Yellow and H. Landow.

Bull, Junior Yearling: 3rd Traded Farms Ltd. and J.M. Tracy, Brampton.

Bull, 2 year and under: 3rd and 4th Lee Farms and Anville Farms, Milton.

Cow, 5 years and over, not in milk: 4th Barbara Y. Boyle, Oakville.

Cow, 4 years and under 5 not in milk: 1st Andrew J. McChesney, Brampton, and Ken's October, Oak.

Heifer, 2 year and under, not in milk: 1st Barbara Y. Boyle, Oakville.

Cow, 5 years and over, in milk: 4th D.S. Danton and Sons.

Senior Grand Champion: 2nd J.M. Tracy, Brampton, and 3rd Spring Farm, Brampton, 4th Anville Farms, Ltd.

Progeny of Dan: 1st D.S. Danton and Sons, on progeny of Glenvale Belle Monogram.

M.F. Metcalf's Silver Tray: 1st D.S. Danton and Sons, 2nd Anville Farms, Milton.

Holby Challenge Trophy, awarded to the best Holby in the show: D.S. Danton and Sons.

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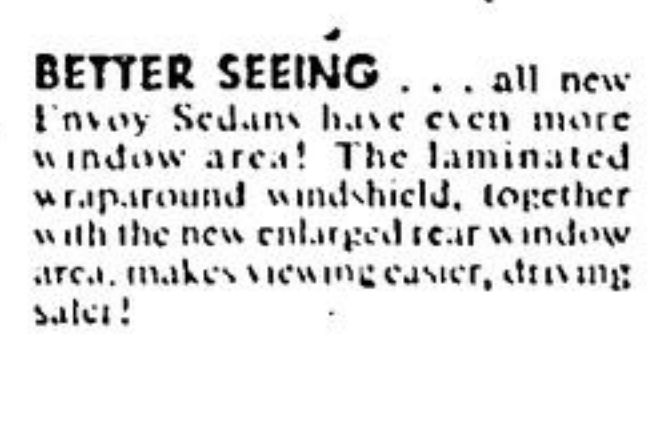
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