

# Diary of a Vagabond

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I admit I was as prejudiced as the next fellow. I turned every cup and saucer in the shop over and if they had "Made in Japan" stamped on them, I refused to buy. Last summer I was fit to be tied. I bought two dresses on sale one hot and sticky day. When I started to alter the shoulder-line I found a little tag stitched into the seam "Made in Japan". The thing that really jarred me was that I had remarked to a friend how much better made these "Canadian" ready to wear articles appeared to be. The seams of the dresses were all pinked, the shoulders taped, the hem even and the material charming. I hadn't purchased any garment as well made as they were since the last war. And cheap! I bought both for the huge sum of \$9.00!

Possibly I should have known for certain never before in this period of inflated prices had I found such a bargain. I can remember that I remarked to my friend, "Why you could not even buy the material in these dresses for \$9.00." Perhaps I harboured a cunning thought that the shop might have made a mistake in marking the gowns and including them in the sale. I remember I hastily made my purchase and hugged my parcel covetously every inch of the way home aboard the six p.m. train.

Now, if I had really had the courage of my convictions I would never have worn either dress. Fortunately, I happen to include in my roster of friends several public spirited citizens who can see beyond their noses. Their knowledge of the nation's economic problems is not all befuddled by outraged loyalty to their country as mine appeared to be. And so I listened intently to their explanation of why, in this era of trade blocs and international commercial restrictions, Japan appears to be shaping up as one of Canada's most desirable overseas markets. In the trade lanes of the world, you cannot sell without buying.

Perhaps my thinking is now more flexible than the average housewife's who might spurn "Made in Japan" goods, because I have crossed the great Canadian prairies many times, and from my train window have seen the acres and acres of wheat that must find a market

if the western farmer is to survive. Japan has become one of Canada's greatest customers for wheat. These sales influence our prosperity in another way as well. Freight is the life blood of our railroads. Grain moves to the coast by rail.

If the citizens of this country could look back a few years, they would learn that Japan, in early post war years, bought far more from this country than we ever purchased from it. That balance has changed, though trade between the two countries is still in favour of Canada.

W. E. Williams, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, who recently returned from a trip to Japan with a trade mission, believes that Japan is the key to the entire Asiatic economic and political situation. In a recent speech to the Canadian and Empire Clubs he said: "Unless we in North America and the world let Japan sell enough merchandise to us, then she cannot survive and feed herself, and 83,000,000 people are not going to starve as a matter of principle. They have only one other place to go, and that is back to North Korea and Red China, where steel, coal, limestone, and an unlimited consumer goods market await them."

These people have contributed much to the beaut of Vancouver's gardens. Canadian-born Japanese youngsters have infiltrated into eastern communities following the forced move of their parents from the west coast during the war. They are contributing their natural born talents to factories and artistic endeavour in this country. They are becoming a challenge in their native output to our industrial survival that is true, but it is not too difficult to reason, that, if they are to eat, we must make it possible for them to live with the west rather than turn to communism.

It is a crazy mixed up world and our enemies of yesterday are our customers of today. Certainly I would rather the Japanese return our deluge of grain with a barrage of baubles and merchandise, than a shower of nuclear fallout. I, along with hundreds of women who spurn that certain stamp on goods from overseas must learn to help our breadwinners put their best competitive foot forward, be broadminded and learn to live with the times.

## Harold Henry Heads Local Fund Raising Committee

The first step in launching a campaign for funds to build a new school for Retarded Children in North Halton was undertaken this week, with the setting up of a Steering Committee.

With Harold Henry as the General Chairman, of the Campaign, the committee consists of Jack Armstrong, Ted Gorih, Tom Nilven, Harold Bairrow, Tom Ferguson, Ernest Ball, Boyd Garland, George Hewson, Bill Bassett and Mrs. Al Currie.

As a result of this campaign, which is slated for the middle of April, it is hoped that the bare site on the Seventh Line, just north of Hornby, will by next spring sprout a new school to house adequately these children who ask so little.

This school will serve all of North Halton with the custs shared by all. Milton has already had a highly successful campaign, thus assuring its share.

## Special Features Held For Boy Scout Week

This past week has been observed as Boy Scout Week throughout the world and several celebrations were observed by the newly organized cub and scout groups in this community. They attended the annual district church parade in St. John's Church in Georgetown last Sunday afternoon and on Sunday they attended the service in the church here at Ballinafad. Uniforms were worn by the cubs and scouts to school on February 22nd which is the birthday of the founder of the scout movement, Lord Baden Powell and on the same evening, the boys were entertained with slides and films shown by Mr. Ed. Joyce of Milton and who was assisted with the program by Mr. Soper, representative of the Texaco Oil Company. Cookies and chocolate were served by the members of the Evening Auxiliary. The Cub Pack demonstrated the opening of their weekly meetings and the scout troop closed the evening program with their closing exercise.

Those who attended the annual meeting of the Halton Presbyterial W.M.S. in Milton last Tuesday were Mrs. F. W. Shortill, Mrs. E. McEnery, Mrs. A. Lawr, Mrs. Frank Smith, Miss Beatrice Hills and Mrs. J. Black. The speaker at the afternoon session was Rev. F. Long, general secretary of the United Church of Canada.

Mrs. Beaton was hostess to the W.M.S. on Wednesday afternoon. The roll call was answered by a verse from the last chapter of Proverbs, known as the women's chapter. Mrs. Beaton gave the topic from the book, "The Ship Under the Cross," dealing with the ethical movement in the Church. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and prayer and the hostess served a cup of tea.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Willits visited over the weekend in Mount Albert with their son Dr. Don Willits and family.

## Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kitts, 77 Sargent Road entertained Toronto businessman Mr. M. Foster and his wife on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brochu, R.R. 2, Georgetown, had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Allair of Queensborough, Mr. Brochu's sister and Mr. and Mrs. Bevard Allair and Steve of Toronto, his nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter, 17 Valley View Road, spent part of last week in Belleville, visiting with their daughter and to attend the Friday evening performance of the Musical Comedy "The Boy Friend," as presented by the students of Quinte Secondary School. Miss Thelma Hunter is head of the Girls' Physical Education Department of the school and is responsible for the choreography of the musical.

## Large Crowds Attend Open House

Mike Norton's Case Show held on Monday, February 27th was a huge success. The Case Canadian Showcase was held in conjunction with an open house and a new addition to the original building where Mr. Norton opened his business just three years ago.

Mr. Sam Paquette, sales promotion manager and Mr. Smith McElellan, sales manager, both of the Toronto Case Branch, were present for the occasion. Films were shown in the Ballinafad Church and the crowd was so large that arrangements had to be made to have a second showing of the films. The films were about the Combine '600' and the new baler '200' and other entertaining films.

The crowd then adjourned to the shop where there was a machinery demonstration. Coffee and doughnuts were served and many lucky draws made. Each lady received a needle case and the children candy. Those who attended also had an opportunity to enter the \$15,000. machinery contest.

## Insurance For Liability Not Accident Is Reminder

The town's comprehensive insurance policy is not always understood, even by councillors and on Monday insurance agent John R. Barber explained that it is not an accident policy, but rather one which protects the town against damages arising from negligence.

Robert McNeilly queried council about compensation for a youngster injured in a game of hockey Saturday morning. While council will check, it was revealed by a spectator Shel Lawr and also by Cr. Don Barranger that parents had signed forms accepting responsibility, and it is not likely they are covered in the town policy.

A claim for damage in a sewer backup on Hewson Crescent last year had been turned down by the insurance firm, and Mr. Barber said if any evidence could be produced that there had been previous trouble in that locality, he would be glad to reopen the investigation.

Meanwhile a sewer backup on Shelley St. Saturday caused damage of over \$1,000 according to claims submitted by three residents who itemized extensive damage in their basements.

Another claim from a lady who broke her arm in a sidewalk fall was also turned over to the insurance firm.

The All Star Support group was granted permission to hold a tag day March 24th and 25th, when Shel Lawr requested this.

Recent remarks by Cr. Jim Emmerson that he thought Georgetown's industrial prospects would be better if occupations were more accurately listed on the voting rolls, brought a letter in humorous vein from Assessment Commissioner Joseph Gibbons.

Georgetown records no "labourers" on its rolls, the letter said.

Cr. Emmerson said that many employees at Smith & Stone are listed as electrical workers, at the mills as papermakers, while their individual trades would be more advantageous in an industrial survey.

Requests for advertising signs to be erected at Mavel Motors, the new Brewers Retail Store and a highway sign for the Graham Bell plant were turned over to the planning committee for recommendation.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations?

Mrs. W. Pope, Maple Ave. — Yes, I certainly do — a known evil is better than an unknown one.

Doug Latimer, Main St. S. — Yes, I do.

Mrs. E. Ball, Main St. S. — Yes, I think so, you can't ignore a whole continent of people.

Ross Norton, Victoria St. — Yes, get them in where we know what they are doing.

Marius Camman, Raylawn Cr. — No, I don't want anything to do with Communist nations.

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## Mothers are Guests At Explorer Banquet

The Hornby United Church Explorer Girls held their first mother and daughter banquet at the church hall on Monday evening, February 13 with every member and their mother attending and the W.A. catering to the group.

Trysha Owendyk acted as chairman for the program. Mrs. Hill, leader of the group welcomed everyone. Miss Heather Prout of St. James United Church, Inslington, explained to the girls, the stars, badges and color of the Explorers' uniform. Nancy Garret proposed a toast to the Queen, Darlene Leslie a toast to the church and Audrey Murdoch a toast to the mothers.

Mrs. J. Simpson expressed appreciation on behalf of the mothers at being present. Mrs. N. Shields played the guitar and sang two numbers. Mrs. L. Sampson, president of the W.A. commended the girls and their leaders on their work.

Sandra Southwood introduced the guest speaker, Miss Mary Thomas of Inslington. She was a home economics teacher and graduated from the United Church training school. She is in her first year as Deaconess of Inslington Church and superintendent of the C.G.I.T. She conducted a sing song, singing in the African language. Miss Thomas then spoke to the girls about imagining themselves as ships being launched into the sea with Christ at the wheel. Barbara Preston thanked the speaker. "This is My Father's World" the Explorer song was sung and Mrs. Hill closed the program with the benediction.

Milton Junior Farmers presented their play "The Glorified Bird" at the Percy Meyer school last Friday night with a good crowd attending. Musical numbers by Mrs. N. Shields, John Wilson, Junior Farmers Girl Trio and the Junior Farmers Mixed Quartette were presented. The evening was sponsored by the Hornby United W.A. and had a candy and bake sale as well as coffee and hotdogs.

Mrs. Stan May and Mrs. J. McCarron attended the local training school for the next 4-H Home-making Club unit "Feasting Fruit."

## Harrison Leads Norval In Ten Goal Splurge

Fred Harrison led the point getters as Norval registered an other overwhelming win in Industrial Hockey Sunday.

Toronto were the victims this time as the Norvals punched home 10 goals while absorbing only a pair.

Harrison used the game to collect six points on 3 goals and 3 assists. Ken Richardson had 2 goals and 3 assists and Harris scored 2, Thompson 1 and 2 assists, Barber 1 and 1, Brush 1 and Hurren 2 assists.

For Toronto Plourde, Gibbert and Sackfield did the scoring and Nowelski picked up the only assist. Toronto drew 7 penalties and Norval 2. Superior Foods and Combines seem to be the only two teams that are any competition for each other. Sunday they battled to a 4-all tie with eight different marksmen handling the scoring.

Sheales, Dickenson, Ward and Cottle scored for the Combines and Fisher, Jarvie, Hall and Kemshead for Superior Foods. Webster (2), Dickenson and Ward assisted on the Combines tallies and Fisher, Jarvie, Bludd and Gibbs set up the Superior Foods markers. Each team drew 5 penalties.

## Teacher Explains Use Of Music in School

Mrs. Buckner, director of music and rhythmic at Sunshine School for Retarded Children demonstrated the use of this art when she spoke to members of the Sunshine Club of First Baptist Church at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Al Robson presided at the home of Mrs. Harry Shortill and members sang "Sunshine in My Soul Today" to open the meeting. A bible reading was given by Mrs. William Campbell and Mrs. Don Hancock led in prayer.

Mrs. Shortill was assisted in serving lunch at the meeting by Mrs. Compsty, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Douglas Peck, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. John Emmerson.

## Young People's Group on Charge Met for their regular meeting in the church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Beaton and children, accompanied by Miss Jehu Lawr are visiting for a few days this week at her home in Heidelberg.

Group No. 1 of the Institute sponsored a variety concert in the hall at Stewartton on Saturday night. The hall was well filled and those present enjoyed the one act comedy directed by Mrs. Elwood Snow.

It was real hill billy style, suitably called "Comin' Round the Mountain" and the "characters" were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. N. Sinclair, Mrs. A. Lawr and Mrs. Wm. McLean. Others who contributed to the program were Mr. Don Graham, soloist from Hillsburgh; Mrs. Moffat, pianist from Campbellville; Miss Patsy Gullis who did two scotch dances. She was accompanied at the piano by her grand mother, Mrs. Wm. Early and back to our local talent, there was Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortill who sang duets and Mr. and Mrs. L. Swindlehurst. Karen O'Rourke favoured with a violin solo, accompanied by her mother, Jesse and Ernie McEnery added a bit of hilarity to the program with their singing of an Irish and scotch number, suitably dressed for the occasion. The Cotton family, whom we used to claim as local talent, also contributed two musical selections. It was a very successful evening.

**LOCALITE ON TV**  
Representing the Tely, a former town man, Jim Emmerson was member of a panel who interviewed CCF leader Donald MacDonald on a CBC-TV show last week.

Many local viewers watched the show and were impressed with Mr. Emmerson's performance.

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