



"GOD BLESS DADDY" — Peter Jones, Photo

SANDRA SYRETT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Syrett, 202 Delrex Blvd., symbolizes youngsters all over the country who will kneel at bedside Saturday night and say a special prayer for daddy. Remember Father on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th.

OTTAWA REPORT

BI-MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS BY SANDY BEST, M.P. FOR HALTON



Debate in the House of Commons varies a great deal depending on the subject and perhaps even more on the formality of the occasion. When the House is in Committee, Members address a Chairman rather than the Speaker, and speeches can tend to be short and more informal. A good deal of such informal debate occurs on the Estimates of the various Government Departments, which forecast their spending for the coming fiscal year. At present, Estimates of several Departments have been passed by the House but somewhat over one half remain to be dealt with.

One recent example was the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, presided over by its vigorous, young Minister, the Honourable Walter Dinsdale, who has spoken in Halton County. This Department has a wide range of interests and responsibilities. The Canadian Government Travel Bureau, the National Museum of Canada, and the administration of our national parks, historic sites and various wildlife problems come under its jurisdiction. The Water Resources Branch of the Department conducts extensive surveys and studies of such areas as the Columbia and Fraser Rivers and during 1961-62 it will make contributions of nearly two million dollars to the provinces towards construction of dams and water conservation projects.

One of the most interesting aspects of this Department is its Northern Administration Branch under which come the offices of the Administrator of

the Mackenzie District and the Administrator of the Arctic. These offices administer such widely varying fields as education, forests, engineering, mining and wildlife through the vast areas of Canada's North. You have probably read of the large number of oil and gas permits for exploratory and drilling purposes which have been issued to private companies in the far North. This summer may see some major efforts by companies under these permit arrangements. The problem of Canada's Far Northern natives, the Eskimos, are also the responsibility of this Department. Much criticism, of course, has been directed towards Canada's treatment as a whole of her Indian population. Some of this has also been voiced about the Eskimos but there are strong signs of improved conditions here. There are approximately 12,000 Eskimos in Canada's North. At present, some 60% of Eskimo children of school age are receiving education in schools while just three years

ago the proportion was only 16%. Such efforts as the new three million dollar vocational school at Yellowknife for Eskimos and the children of others in the North is a healthy and encouraging sign. The Department of Northern Affairs has provided important impetus for the development of the Eskimos' great natural gifts. Stone carving, print making and leather and skin work developed and encouraged by Departmental officials and now handled a good deal by the Eskimos themselves, have won wide acclaim around the world. Tourist camps for hunters and fishermen from the South, the catching and shipping of such delicacies as Arctic char, extensive work as mechanics and in other fields, are bringing the Eskimos a new independence and outlook. Conditions of change were inevitable and it seemed that the wisest plan was to retain the best of the old traditions but to step forward into the future as well. This course appears to be successful.

Beauty Queen's Race Party Picnic Highlight

Facing tough competition in their choice of a date, Halton's Progressive Conservatives had a huge picnic at Lowville Park last Saturday afternoon. With so many other things being held that day, it was feared that a small crowd might result. However, with the skies holding off the threatened down-pour, the 1,000-odd kiddies and adults had the time of their lives.

Myrtle Reid, Glen Williams, was in charge of an exciting group of races for all ages. One race was particularly "eye catching" with the Beauty Queen finalists from Burlington racing against the men present. This race probably drew the largest entry. Cabinet ministers and both provincial and federal members were present to meet the group and to renew old acquaintances. Stan Hall and Sandy Best were both present. Mr. Best having flown back from Washington that morning to attend the picnic.

Hot coffee and hot dogs were available to all, and the children as well had soft drinks and hot dogs and as much ice cream as they could use.

This is the revival of the picnics of years ago, and will be held annually.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Apron For Bazaar Answers Roll Call

The United Church W.A. meeting was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. John Hunter with the president, Mrs. J. Wagstaffe in the chair. The W.A. theme hymn was sung, followed by theme prayer.

The roll call was answered by giving an apron for the annual bazaar in September. The recent rummage sale proved a worthwhile project. Two large bales of warm clothing were sent to headquarters in Toronto to be shipped overseas to Korea. All W.A. members as well as other church ladies were asked to save empty thread spools for use at the Bible Vacation School in August. Orders were taken for the name tags and will be taken until next month's meeting.

Mrs. J. Hunter led in the

devotional. Mrs. H. Inglis and Nancy Hunter played a piano duet, after which Nancy and her mother, Mrs. J. Hunter, sang a delightful duet. Mrs. Clare Little was in charge of the program. She also read an amusing poem entitled "Wanted — A minister's wife". The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Bev. Moody and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and president.

Mrs. Wm. Hughes of Grand Falls, Nfld. and daughters, Alison and Evelyn are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Schenk. They arrived by plane Tuesday and will be here about three weeks while her husband is taking a Statistical Course at Queen's University, Kingston.

A number of friends attended the Norval United Church Anniversary on Sunday, when Rev. A. C. Forrest, the United Church Observer editor was speaker.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Beam on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

We hope sick friends will soon be up and around again — Mrs. Nellie English, Mrs. Jessie Kirby and Mr. J. Hoare. We extend sympathy to Rev. L. Free in the passing of his mother in Stratford last week.

Wrigglesworth Pupils Tour The Peninsula

An account of the recent Wrigglesworth P. S. Grade 8 tour of the historic Niagara District by pupil Joan Harris. The last day in May dawned cool and gray, but it neither chilled my spirits nor depressed me for I was going on a trip to the Niagara District with the other grade eight students of Howard Wrigglesworth School. At seven o'clock the boys and girls, agog with excitement, and the three very calm teachers, Miss Moffatt, Mr. Kinrade and Mr. Pinkerton, boarded the buses, and away we rolled on our educational tour with the feeling of adventure.

Vivid Colours
The Botanical Gardens in Hamilton was the first stop on our itinerary. Here the profusion of vivid colours charmed our eyes. The gardeners were hard at work, disposing of dying flowers, and preparing the beds to receive new plants. We enjoyed climbing up the hill in order to be able to take a picture of the entire gardens.

Stoney Creek
We continued on to Stoney Creek to have a look at Stoney Creek Memorial, a tower, erected to commemorate the Battle of Stoney Creek, fought during the War of 1812-14. Unfortunately the tower was closed, but we climbed the hill on which it stood for a closer look at the structure.

Grape Harvest
The next stop on our agenda was the Village of Jordan, which is a noted Canadian wine industrial centre. Here we toured the Historical Museum of the Twenty, so called because of the Twenty Mile Creek which flows through the valley at Jordan. The museum consists of three buildings. One of them is the Vintage House which in former times was used in connection with the grape harvest.

Fascinated
The girls were fascinated by the fine collection of old china dolls which were clad in dresses fashionable in the 19th century. There was also a display of dresses which had been worn by women of that era. These evoked much interest among the girls, but not the boys.

No Comfort
The early nineteenth century soldier's life might appear glamorous and adventurous, but it was not one of comfort and ease. His ramrod straight back was partly due to his sleeping on the bare boards of his springless bunk. Among the artillery at the fort is a cannon which did service for the Russians in the Crimean War. It still bears the two headed eagle, each head crowned, which was the emblem of Imperial Russia. In our travels we had the delight of seeing a deer. The doe stood on the bank above the highway, and looked at us for a moment as we drove by and then it bounded out of sight.

Second Museum
At the School House, the second museum building, were many objects that were used by the pioneers. There were farm implements, hand fashioned long ago, weapons, ox yokes, and ox shoes. A blacksmith shop occupies one corner. Outside is a huge wooden wine press modelled after the wine presses of ancient Rome. Across from the School House is the Fry House. It is the only known two storey log cabin existing in Ontario. On the exterior it is covered with clapboard. From one corner, clapboard has been removed and the area glassed over to

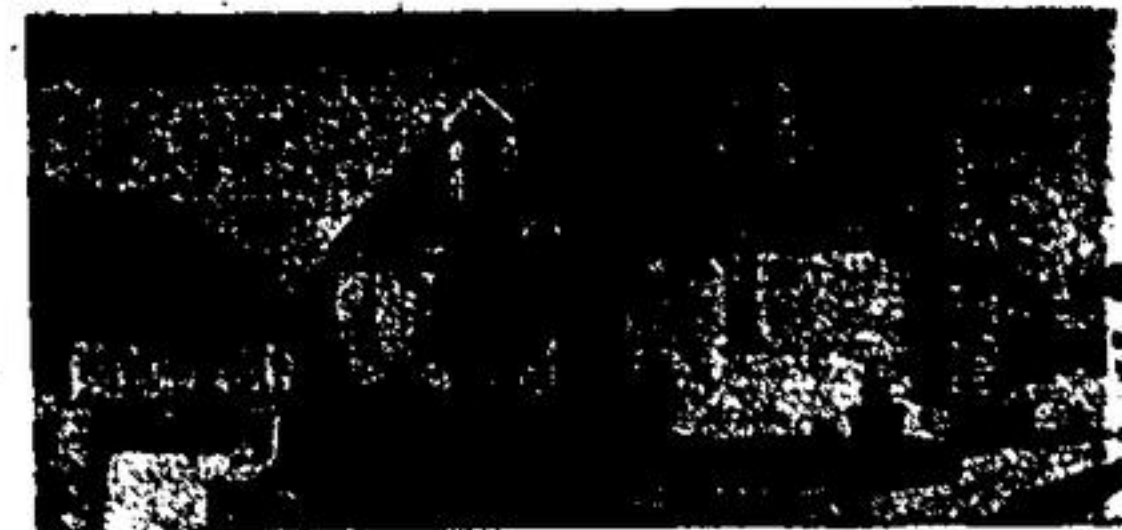
reveal the massive logs of which the house is built. The house contains most of the original furniture that was hand made by the builder Jacob Fry. He was a weaver, and did superb work. We saw the beautiful black and white blanket of intricate design which he wove for his son as a wedding present. The guide surprised us by pulling out a low bed, called a trundle bed, from under a large bed. About four children slept in the trundle bed. During the day it was shoved out of the way under the big bed.

Queenston Heights
We left Jordan to go to Queenston Heights where we had our lunch. After lunch we climbed the spiral stairs to the top of Brock's Monument to view the vistas of the surrounding country from the height of two hundred feet.

Resuming our tour we rode on to Port Erie. The barracks of the fortress is now converted into a museum which contains many interesting articles pertaining to the War of 1812-14, and that period of time. One unusual feature in the construction of the fort are the unfastened rafters. Had the copper roof of the barracks been pierced by enemy cannon balls and rafters set afire, then it was easy to remove the burning, unsecured rafters and to discard them.

Leisure Hour
When we arrived at Niagara Falls, we were allotted an hour to do as we pleased. Many of us visited the Tussard wax museum, where the "waxen" effigies of many noted people are on display. Included among them is the royal family.

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Other students spent their time recording the grandeur of the Niagara Falls on film, and wandering through the beautifully landscaped flower gardens. Our hour was spent much too quickly and we had to board the bus once more.

Last Lap
Before long we arrived at Hamilton Beach. Here we had our supper in a restaurant. Afterwards we embarked on the bus for the final time and departed on our last lap home. By this time the patient teachers had lost some of their calmness, but the students were considerably subdued. We regretted arriving in Georgetown so quickly. The trip had been such a pleasant one that we were sorry it was over so soon.

Rameses Shriners At Ceremonial

Last Saturday was Shrine Ceremonial Day for Rameses Temple, Toronto, and saw a number of local men attending. Held at Prudhomme's, near St Catharines, this was the annual spring ceremonial. Among those attending were Jack Armstrong, Douglas Lattimer, Irwin Noble, Wm. B. Hamilton, Tom Van Sickle, Jack Addy, Don Barrager, Lew Tracey, Lloyd Marks and Geo. Sellmer.

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