



BEST WISHES FROM BRANDON

—Peter Jones, Georgetown

DIRECTOR OF NURSING, Miss Zina Hopwood, a Brandon native was pleasantly surprised on the morning of Hospital opening day when friends in her home town remembered her with best wishes, flowers, and congratulations. Miss Hopwood has been an easterner for twenty years. The nursing staff added their good wishes.



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

TRIBUTE TO ROYALTY

If anyone should stop and ask me "What is so rare as a day in June," I could quite sensibly reply, "A snowstorm in May!" This spring has been spotted as a Damatian pup and twice as unpredictable. But the cold white stuff burdened the heads of thousands of tulips in Ottawa's mammoth spring festival display, it didn't dampen the ardor of some hundred Ontario weekly newspaper editors and their family gathered recently in the capital city for their annual convention.

The only thing that threw them slightly off balance was the announcement by a uniformed aide-de-camp, as we entered Rideau Hall for a reception, that the ladies in the party must curtsy and the men bow when being presented to Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Madame Vanier.

There have been admittedly few occasions in the lives of these grass roots members of the fourth estate to meet Royalty, or representatives of the Crown. This small matter of protocol sent a flutter of consternation rippling among the women, who asked each other whether one bent the right knee or the left, how far down must they dip and what did one do if an arthritic knee protested in the process.

Groups gathered beneath the fabulous paintings of former Governors General. "How'm I doing?" they asked one another as they wobbled on spike heels and laughed at their awkwardness.

It has been some years since I made my first curtsy. This was during my teens when Edward, Prince of Wales, travelled across Canada by train on the first extensive Royal Tour, fluttering the hearts of every female on this side of the Atlantic.

Those of us who were chosen to meet this august person were given hours of instruction regarding our social demeanor while in the presence of the future King of England. It took considerable practice to

accomplish a slowly bent knee, stiff back and gracefully extended right hand. We were told to say only, "Your Highness" as the hand shake was accepted by the Royal Prince.

Princely Support

The most romantic figure in the world at that time was a small man with sandy hair and blue eyes, bleary from too much activity and too little sleep. But as my turn came to be presented, he suddenly seemed tower over me like the Rock of Gibraltar. I clutched his hand and started folding like an accordion. I felt his grip tighten when my knees turned to water and I discovered I was standing on one foot like a stork with no idea as to what I had done with my pedal extremity. Edward was a lad with a sense of humour. Undoubtedly he had experienced this kind of panic before among his female subjects. I remember hearing him murmur, "Steady, old girl" as he gave me some reassuring support until I had regained my equilibrium.

My second curtsy was a less painful and embarrassing experience. This was during the second World War when I was stationed with the WRENS in Ottawa. Princess Alice who, with the Duke of Connaught, represented the Crown in Canada at that time, requested a visit at a secret station where two members of the YWCA's Special Services, including myself, taught crafts to the enlisted girls.

There was little or no time to practice a curtsy. After the inspection of service personnel, the civilian staff was presented. I am sure Princess Alice did not notice my curtsy was only a bob. She was much more interested in the contribution

the Y's branch of the service was providing than in making any mental criticism of my jerky tribute to her Royal station in life.

Tulips and Red Coats

Considerable thought has been given to the planting and colorful arrangement of Ottawa's famous tulips. Impressive was a huge bed of scarlet blooms that matched the red coats of the Mounties standing at the entrance to Rideau Hall's portico as our car drew up to the curb. I am an emotional person and my national pride is quickly stimulated. The avenue of maples along which one must drive after passing through the stately gates on Sussex Street to the home where our Sovereign's representatives are in residence is spectacular. Within Rideau Hall is one room entirely furnished with pine primitives. Pomp and elegance mellowed by the evidence of the country's pioneers!

Perhaps it is because I was steeped in the gracious hospitality of Queen Elizabeth's Canadian representatives that I rather resented an occurrence that took place while the convention was in session. As I walked in Confederation Square one evening I was told by an excited citizen that a flag had just been removed from the holder on the south-east side of the National War Memorial. Not the Red Ensign, but "a distinctive flag" attributed to the Evolutionary Movement of Canada. Spokesmen for this movement claim they will "go to any lengths" to use any mast in the city for the purpose of unfurling their flag. It is half red, half white with a green maple leaf in the centre.

There was a large group of school children on the train as I travelled to Ottawa. They were slated to attend a session of Parliament, meet their member, make a tour of the city and become thoroughly steeped in Canadian lore. Youth is impressionistic; pride of citizenship is a precious possession. I like to believe that this pride cannot be disturbed by any such whacky demonstration of illicit flag waving.

NORVAL

Norval Scouts Prove Versatility at Camp

The 1st Norval Cub Pack ended their meetings for the summer with a hike from the Anglican Church to the parsonage lawn where Akela, Mrs. Lloyd Freel, took the Grand Howl after which games and races were enjoyed. For lunch they had hot dogs and toasted marshmallows which they prepared over a camp fire and ended the evening with a Sing Song around the fire. Miss Mary Francis and Miss Sheryl Cooley assisted Mrs. L. Freel with the Cubs this past year and they have had a very good year.

The 1st Norval Scout Pack spent the week-end camping with the other Scouts of the District at Hillsburg. They were on their own with no leader to show what they could do by themselves. They put up their own tents, cooked their own meals, etc. and report a very enjoyable week-end with no mishaps but lots of fun. It takes more than cool weather to dampen the spirits of Scouts on a camping expedition.

The Sacrament of Communion was observed at the United Church, Norval, on the last Sunday of June. There will be no services in the church for the month of July while Rev. L. Freel is on holidays. Worship service will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. during July, which the United Church adherents are invited to attend.

FARM NEWS By J. A. F.

Dairy Princess Choice Slated for Garden Party

The search is on for a Halton Dairy Princess to represent the County at the annual Dairy Princess competition at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Chairman of the Committee for selecting the Halton delegate is Bill Wilson, president of the Halton Junior Farmers. The Committee, as represented by all the dairy producer groups in Halton, the Federation of Agriculture, and the Halton Junior Farmer Association. Following a recent meeting of the committee, it was decided that this year's selection would take place at the Annual Horby Garden Party, to be held on Saturday evening, July 15th.

Interview

The contestants from Halton will be selected by interview with a panel of three judges.

Pianoforte Recital by Harding-Bradley Pupils

A pianoforte recital by pupils of Bruce M. Harding and Margaret Bradley Harding was held for parents and friends on Friday at the studio, 64 Main Street South.

Played

Pupils who played included Mary Bonathan, Daryl Harding, Dorothy Gilhooly, Sharon Taylor, Beverly Johnson, Robert Rudy, David Clark, Anne Harris, Jill Kemshead, Susan MacDonald, Barbara Wilcox, JoAnn Kemshead, Robert Freeman, Charles Biehn, Jane McNally, Jeffrey Eason, Marlene Braisby, Janet Chamberlain, Susan Howard, Pamela Clark, Nancy Masterman, David Farrell, Marilyn Gorth, Carolyn Freeman, Joyce Rundle, John Finlay, Jonne Mintern, Rex Heslop, Catherine Stobie, Ellen Biehn, Heather Meades, Katherine Strite, Barbara Finlay, Jennifer Mills, Carroll Farnell, Mary Evans and Ann Lorraine Noble.

Presented

Pupils who were unable to play at the recital were Mary Jane McClure, Frederick Bennett, Catherine Meades, Joan Harris, Linda Shea, Judith Mills, Margaret Thompson and Lynne Ritchie.

Gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Harding were presented afterwards by Carroll Farnell on behalf of the pupils.

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Lion BOB BRICK
 RODEO CHAIRMAN.