



### NEW NORTON FLORAL OWNERS

THE LATEST MEMBERS to the Main Street family of store proprietors are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Maple Ave., who purchased the Norton Floral shop from Tom Reed. No stranger to downtown, Bob has been employed at Farnell's Grocery for over 8 years. Prior to that they operated a general store in Stewarstown.

CHATting . . . with M. H. B.

## Wife's Day In Pakistan is Different

Part 5 of a Series  
**How did David and Tina amuse themselves while you lived in West Pakistan?**  
 I asked Florrie Warren. "After all, setting down a 6-year-old and a 3-year-old in a completely strange country where they couldn't even understand the language, might be a pretty upsetting experience."  
**They loved Pakistan almost right from the start, Florrie told me. There were at least ten children living in the hotel—all Pakistani, of course. The easy-going, good humour of the adult Pakistanis was transmitted to their children, for they proved delightful playmates, friendly and full of fun.**  
 The children living in apartments with their parents at the hotel were what we might call the middle class—that is to say, they were comparatively well-off financially, considering the poverty of so many of the people living in Pakistan. They were clean and well dressed. And as I have said, full of fun. To Florrie they seemed to be especially inventive, when it came to thinking up games to play.  
**One of the Children's favorite pastimes was to have an outdoors party with fried chapatties, which are little pan cakes dipped in a curry and rice sauce. These are cooked over an open charcoal brazier. Much of the cooking in Pakistan is done in this fashion. . . . There was a wonderful zoo just across the street from the hotel, which David and Tina never tired of visiting. And on the other side of the hotel, also just across the street, were botanical gardens, which became a favourite picnic spot for the whole family.**  
**David, of course, was six, so a school had to be found for him. The Warrens felt fortunate when they were able to enroll him in an excellent school, run by the Irish Brothers, a Catholic Religious order. There were 1500 boys in attendance, all of whom were Pakistani.**  
 They had to speak English in school, which is the law in Pakistan. The classes were conducted according to the English system and you paid tuition fees, just as you would at a private school. Discipline was strict, but David enjoyed it, and was instantly accepted by the other boys. Florrie said it was strange to go to a school concert and see the one little white face topped by red hair, standing out in a vast sea of brown-faced, black haired boys. Gray trousers and navy blazer were the compulsory school uniform. Each morning the bearers or coolies took the child to school on their bicycles, brought them their lunch at noon—and called for them after classes.  
**When I asked Florrie how she spent a typical day of her life in Lahore, she told me that she, along with everyone else in the country, got up at six o'clock in the morning, or earlier. This is in order to do as much as possible before the heat strikes at around 10:30. At dawn, too, the servants arrived, and had to be carefully supervised. The water and milk had to be boiled, and vegetables washed in disinfectant. This important precaution was necessary because human excrement is frequently used as fertilizer. The other daily chore that had to be carefully carried out was the war against termites and cockroaches. Throughout the apartment, the tile floors were covered from wall to wall with firmly woven grass matting. The sweeper had to take these up every day and spray them and the floors with flit, or something similar. The cockroaches needed more than flit to will them. They were a monstrous size, and you almost had to use a baseball bat to put them out of commission.**  
**The cleaning and disinfecting was satisfactorily done. Florrie would plan her menu for the day. The cook then did the marketing at the bazaar. When he returned, Florrie had to check his accounts carefully. Once a week, she went to the bazaar herself to shop, in order to check prices and quality. This was necessary, because while it was accepted thing that the cook took advantage of you a little if you allowed it to get out of hand, it put a large crimp in the food budget.**  
**After the servants had been launched on their day's work, Florrie had several hours of spare time. These she filled sometimes, by helping a group of American women sew for the poor. Other mornings, people would come in for coffee. Frequently, these visitors would be from all over the world, and provided stimulating conversation, telling of their backgrounds, work and travels.**  
**Another morning pastime popular with women living in Pakistan, was to go and have a pedicure, and manicure. They did this once a week as a rule. It was very inexpensive, and would amount to about 12c a treatment in our currency. Also, once a week, Florrie would go to a hairdresser. They did a very good job, too of cutting, shampooing, and setting hair. Incidentally, men never went to a barber. The barber always came to them. This was an outdoors operation. It was quite the accepted thing to see a man having a shave and haircut on the sidewalk or roadside.**  
**Afternoons in Pakistan were for resting. In the hot season from April to October, when temperatures range from 110 to 115 degrees, all offices and stores shut up tight until 4:30. Even at the university where Jim taught in summer the classes started at 7 and went on till 1:30. They were then through for the day. To try to make the heat bearable, even at home, they took frequent showers, chewed salt pills, and had the punkas, or fans, going constantly.**  
**From 4:30 on is social time in Lahore. Actually, life there is patterned on that of the British, which is natural, enough when you think of the number of years a large British colony lived in Pakistan and administered their affairs. There is a great deal of entertaining done by Western people in Lahore, nearly every day the Warrens were either invited out, or entertained guests of their own. And after the tea parties came the cocktail parties, and dances. The wealthy Europeans were forever entertaining for some visiting dignitary—and a great many dignitaries visited Lahore. Last year Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth visited for several days, during their famous Horse Show also the Shah of Iran, and Arnold Toynbee, world famous historian. Lahore is the cultural centre of West Pakistan, where art museums and exhibits, sculptures, classical music, lectures, and the theatre, may be enjoyed every day and night in the week, if you so desire. Listening to Florrie tell about their life in Lahore, I could well understand its fascination for them.**

## Much Business Handled By Public School Board

At the final 1961 meeting of the Public School Board last Wednesday in Harrison Public School, the board:

- Met trustees-elect Bill Carr, Roger Wade, John Mintern, and Reg Mooney, who sat in on the meeting to become familiarized with the procedure.
- Heard a request by letter from the teachers' association regarding salaries.
- Okayed a request from the Principals' Association to allow the collecting of canned goods in the schools in co-operation with service clubs to help needy families at Christmas.
- Reappointed Fred Mastern as the public school's representative on the High School Board.
- Received confidential reports on new teachers from both the Inspector's office and the local principals.
- Accepted a tender from J. B. Mackenzie and Sons for \$920.41 to replace old doors at Chapel St. School with modern heavy duty steel doors.
- Hired Mrs. Gus Mikoleit wife of Harrison caretaker, to assist her husband maintaining the town's largest elementary school.
- Upped salaries of special constables (crossing guards) from \$600 to \$700 per annum.
- Agreed to order World Book Encyclopedia sets for three schools still without them, at \$137.50 a set.
- Heard Property Committee Chairman Harry Shortill report that Chapel St. school is in the best shape now since its construction 70 years ago.
- Okayed the use of Wrigglesworth Public School auditorium for the Georgetown Citizens Band to hold concerts providing caretaking can be arranged.
- Passed for payment accounts totalling \$5,251.02.
- Heard a report that over \$70 had already been spent in an attempt to remove the odour from last spring's fire, still hanging in part of Wrigglesworth Public School.

### GLEN WILLIAMS

#### Presentations For Newlywed Couples

Neighbours and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bishop last Friday evening. The occasion was to honour newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. John Ottaway and Mr. and Mrs. J. Tizzard. Bud Bishop made the presentation on behalf of the thirty-five friends present. The Ottaways were given a corner table and a flower arrangement and the Tizzards a floor lamp. Both boys thanked all their friends. The balance of the evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A dainty lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway will live in Georgetown and Mr. and Mrs. Tizzard in New Toronto.

This Sunday evening there will be a carol service in St. Alban's at 7 p.m. The choir plan going out carolling on Christmas eve. Listen for them on your street.

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 Mission Band met Wednesday afternoon with 43 children present. The number is increasing each week and the leaders have a job on their hands. They would welcome any volunteer ladies from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to help in this worthwhile undertaking—just contact Rev. Free in the United Church at that hour.

On December 8th Mrs. C. Hordern was hostess at a bridal shower for Jean Hancock. About 30 ladies were present to honour Jean who will be married at the end of the month. The bride's chair was draped with pink and white streamers. At lunch time lucky plate numbers were drawn. Mrs. Don Hancock and Mrs. Dick Hancock assisted the hostess. Jean thanked all for the lovely gifts and the nice evening together.

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