



WILBER PARK LAKE DAM

THIS WAS THE favourite spot on a Sunday afternoon in the early 1900's. Wilber Park Lake dam, where romantic voyagers launched their canoes and took their favourite Miss boating. At left, atop the hill is Georgetown High School. The people at the extreme left end of the crowd are sitting on concrete abutments which still exist, as the only reminder of Georgetown's picture spot.



Diary of a Vagabond  
BY DOROTHY BARKER

59¢ FOR A STATUS SYMBOL

Tall elms, black as a moonless night and feathered with snow were silhouetted against the slate gray sky. They marched by my bedroom window as the train sped toward Ottawa. Naked of leaf or bud, the trees were nevertheless in the prison of their winter sleep. I always allow myself the luxury of waking gradually to rhythm of steel wheels on steel and the cradling of my body as the sleeper awakes gently from side to side. I lay thinking about what I would tell the viewing audience of CJOH about my tripping via CN from coast to coast during a scheduled interview on the station's women's program "Plaza 13".

Heavens, No Ring

As is my habit, in reverie, I made the motions of twisting my wedding ring. Heavens! There was no ring to twist! My third finger, left hand, was as nude as a newborn babe. Mentally I could see the missing symbol of marital status winking its five small diamonds where I had left it on the kitchen window sill. Two hundred miles away it wouldn't do much to establish my legitimate claim to two sons and four grandchildren. Having had a bit of TV experience I knew that a missing wedding ring would be quickly spotted by an observant female audience. When the train pulled into the station I discovered the morning was a blustery, cold one. From the cozy warmth of my room in the Chateau Laurier I could see the figures of Canada's famous war memorial straggling against a blizzard. With me was my winter guest from Baie Comeau, young, fresh, and enthusiastic about her first visit to the capital city. "Father! Is something a native from the north shore of the St. Lawrence has little concern about. She was more concerned with the missing wedding ring and what could be done about it.

Must Have 'Stand-In'

After a somewhat lengthy consultation (which I prolonged as long as possible) we decided a 'stand in' ring must be purchased. We bundled up and fought our way two blocks from the hotel in search of a jewelry store. The warmth of a Woolworth's establishment offered an opportunity to catch our breath. Dangling before our eyes was all the glitter and embellishment of luring even a Sheba. Beads, bangles and, ah yes, wedding rings greeted us at the first counter.

Shoot the Works

Why-not, we seemed to say to each other through a mist of melting snow dripping from our eye lashes. There were only two choices, a little gold band set with a single ruby priced at \$30 and a more sophisticated carved affair resembling white gold at the extravagant price of \$300. "Why not shoot the works" advised the hardy type beside me. This cadmium plated eye-let seemed to restore my confidence for I knew that some time during the interview my deep family pride was sure to

reveal the children dangling on my family tree

Chance to Sell Canada  
We didn't need a Brink's escort to get me and my jewelry to the appointment. I realized as we drove through swirls of snow and blasts of wind that ruckered the car, how wise Queen Victoria was to have chosen Ottawa as our capital. Even in the grip of biting cold, the city was beautiful. I was ushered into the makeup room where my grandmotherly wrinkles were smothered in pancake makeup, my mouth which has stood me in good stead as a means of vocal expression and maxification for all the years of my life, made to look like Cupid's bow with a string loose and my eyes like a couple of holes burned in a blanket. I didn't recognize myself and hoped nobody else would.

Some Rubs ON

Actually, when my turn came before the cameras, I enjoyed myself immensely. The bright lights were warm and comforting, my interviewer charming and gifted in the art of asking leading questions. The opportunity this offered to find a new outlet for my travel enthusiasm made me realize that perhaps some of it would rub off on stormbound viewers possibly planning next summer's vacation trips. The human voice, caught by a boom mike and coming back to me over a monitor is always strange to me like an exuberant, but sincere, tourist selling Canada to her fellow citizens. I hope I did. My enthusiasm is one thing that will never be as phony as the wedding ring I wore.

THE MAIL BAG

Wants Rugger League To Form in Georgetown

Dear Sir:  
I have been a resident of the town for three years and I have wondered if there is sufficient interest in town to warrant the formation of a club to field a team of Ruggerites in the rapidly growing rugger league. To the initiated no explanation is necessary, but for those people who have never played, in rugger we have room for all sizes of players, from 140 lbs. to over 300 lbs. The uniform is the minimum of shirt, socks and boots, so there is not too much expense involved in dressing a team. A. V. Roe people will remember the excellent team they had in the Ontario league which unfortunately had to break up when the plant closed down. There are over 800 playing members out every week-end, purely for the love of sport and a good time socially. It is without question the purest amateur sport in the world today, played in almost every country in the Commonwealth and Europe, and it has a large following as far south as St. Louis. So if any of your readers would like to help in the formation of a club, I would ask them to contact me at my home TR. 7-3087 or 34 Weber Drive.  
—A. L. Lewis

Halton M.P. Assists In New Legislation

Protection For Senior Citizens

Halton County's attempt to get a private bill approved by the Ontario Legislature has prompted the Department of Welfare to sponsor to write a new section into the Homes for the Aged Act. This section will allow homes to have residents sign over securities and property to be managed by the home until the resident leaves, thereby preventing the residents from being "fleeced" out of their money by friends or relatives. County officials praised the efforts of Halton M.P. Stanley L. Hall in helping carry the bill for the delegation from Halton Centennial Manor, Halton Clerk Garfield Brown, who is secretary-treasurer of the Halton Manor Board, said "our purposes would have been defeated had it not been for the terrific job Stan Hall did."

Begged Down

The bill was presented to the Legislature's private bills committee March 14 where it was only bogged down under pressure from Toronto M.P.P.'s. Meanwhile Mr. Hall, solicitor

Defends Government Vocational Program

Ottawa (Special to the Herald) Strong support for the federal government's vocational training assistance program was voiced in the House of Commons here by Sandy Best, member of parliament for Halton. Mr. Best was replying to criticism voiced about the plan by Liberal and CCF members. "In my own riding of Halton, in Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown, three technical wing additions to high schools have been approved for a total federal contribution of approximately \$4 million, and possibly there may be further interest on the part of other communities in the riding," Mr. Best said. He agreed that the program of federal aid in the building of vocational schools was, in part, a crash program. This was necessary, Mr. Best said, because of the arrogance of the previous Liberal administration with its intellectual wasteland and lost time. He said the statements of criticism by opposition members constituted a significant denunciation of all the municipal boards of education and the provincial departments of education, indeed, of the teaching profession. "I can think of no program in any educational field—primary, secondary, technical or at the university level—introduced by any municipal, provincial or federal government that compares with the present program," Mr. Best declared. "He said the federal government had no wish to dictate the educational programs and schemes of the provincial or municipal governments. All the federal government was doing was to grant them money to be used according to their own methods and their best ways and means. He said the opposition had suggested the government should be retraining the unemployed. "Of course we are doing that," Mr. Best said, "in the town of Oakville, the province

William Sharpe and Mr. Brown met with the deputy minister of welfare, and as a result, a new section was written into the Homes for Aged Act. The private bill before the legislature's special committee was then withdrawn. The new regulation will have to be passed by parliament, but officials are sure there will be no trouble in getting it approved. The director of the Homes for the Aged Branch of the Department of Welfare and the Attorney-General have already okayed the move. Halton's application fee will be refunded, but the hearings will still cost the County some money.

To Conference  
This County first tried to start up some action on the policy in June 1960 when they presented a resolution at the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged conference at Fort Francis. At that time, the delegates approved the resolution, however the department did nothing until last week after the Halton request for a private bill was published. The new section allows a home to enter into an agreement with a resident of the home to receive, hold and administer real or personal property in trust.

the federal government and the municipality and the school board have taken it on themselves on their own initiative to retrain some of the unemployed in our area."

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Make Believe Tea Raises Scout Funds

The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary met in the church for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night at 8.30. The Scout Mothers' promise was repeated and the roll call taken. Mrs. C. Angus presided and the business included reports from the 'treasurers' and other committees. Receipts from the 'Make Believe Tea' were tabulated by the members present, which amounted to \$56.80 with still more to be reported on the way and the group was also asked to cater to a buffet supper on April 1st. The making of neckerchiefs was discussed with the sewing committee and invitations were received to attend a meeting next week with the 1st Georgetown Auxiliary and a convention in Bramford, the end of March. Mr. and Mrs. Joe McConkey, club leaders of the 4th Georgetown Pack were present and he showed a 40-minute film of his town, showing many phases of their work with the boys which was most interesting to the mothers. The district Scouters Council also met in Ballinacree the same evening and the ladies joined the group down stairs for lunch.

The Ballinacree 411 supper club was held at the home of Mrs. Jamieson on Thursday. The roll call 'A Supper Menu' prepared by six girls. They discussed the rules for fruit—why fruit is used and how it can be used for supper. The group work was preparing a fresh fruit cup, baked apples and prune sponge which was enjoyed for lunch.

Mrs. Aspen of Toronto is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Himes.

There has been a great deal of sickness around the past few weeks and the latest victims to be hospitalized are Blake French and Mark Heaton, who have been receiving treatment for pneumonia at the Georgetown Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanderson observed their 51st wedding anniversary last weekend. They both keep in good health and some of their family spent an evening with them which was also a birthday celebration for Mrs. Sanderson.

Several of the senior scouts attended a St. John Ambulance course in Georgetown on Thursday. This will go on for eight weeks and the boys are greatly interested in the project.

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Church Sidesmen Sponsor Euchre

Congratulations to the Sidesmen committee of St. Stephen's Church, Hornby, who held a successful euchre in the Community Hall here, Saturday evening, March 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Grant were week-end guests with and her sister, Mrs. Peter

born on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Blunt, and Mrs. M. Patterson.

Mr. Howard Briggs, and son Gary and Mr. Roy Bradley and son Tommy, attended the hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Saturday night.

Mrs. Frank Edger and daughter Ruth of Peterborough were week-end guests with Mrs. J. C. Murray.

Mrs. Hene Gibson of Orangeville has been holidaying a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humphreys.

Happy birthday to Jackie Barclay who celebrates her 100th birthday March 27th.

Mrs. W. A. Estlin visited in Toronto recently, with Miss Nancy Mason, Ontario Director of Red Cross Home Nursing, and her sister, Mrs. Peter Bailey of Nanuet, New York.

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