

Letters From a "Trouble Spot"

Letters from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam

When he received a postcard from the Far East, a member of "God but it's good to see the Canadian Military UN delinquents!" This same officer began putting his observations on paper and sending them home to the officers and members of the Loyal Orange Lodge 245 of the overhead fan about ten feet high found the accounts so empty. It is better still if the absorbing that they submitted them to the Herald and part of the first letter appears below as article N. 11 of a new series.

One day at the airport there were a group of French army deserters. Their Vietnamese wives and children being repatriated by France. The men were all dressed alike, and the children's clothes were obviously made from two bolts of cloth, one red and one blue. The clothes made from this were worn in various combinations. Even though six of the deserters were under sentence of death in France, they preferred to go back and take their chances on a retrial and lighter sentence rather than remain in a Communist country.

Sometimes the Permanent Representative gave a reception in his part of the villa. People of the various embassies would be invited, including, on occasion, the Russians and Poles. When these birds came we would put out Canadian vodka. The Russians and Poles would drink it, and start hollering about it being lousy stuff and not at all as good as their vodka, but I notice that no one else got a chance to get any to find out.

I finally got out to see the famous "One Legged Paiza" that is the symbol of the city of Hanoi. Some symbol. Come to think of it, some city measuring a majestic 12 feet long, 8 feet wide and 8 feet high. It stood on a stone pillar that jutted out of a scummy pool of water. It was made of high-carved wood and had once been painted, but the last paint must have disappeared about 1450.

Among the types of animal life encountered there was the "Flying Rhinoceros" a black beetle about two and a half inches long, an inch and a half wide and an inch tall. It had two horns on its snout, one in front of the other, from which it got its name. The locals claimed that it was not only harmless, but delicious. Eeh!

Another delicacy of the area was snake wine. You took a large earthenware crock, dumped in a couple of handfuls of rice, a couple of buckets of water, a bit of yeast and a live snake, then sealed the thing for two years to let it stew. After two years you opened the crock and there it was... snake wine. By this time, of course, there was not much left of the snake. Personally, I don't think I could ever be able to try any of this stuff.

The people of Hanoi had no idea of preventative maintenance. They would never try to repair anything until it would break. They would work like mad until the car had broken down, then they would have it fixed. Brochures are being prepared which will be widely distributed giving details and directions.

The museum is under the direction of a representative board, instituted by county council.

Cycle Training Course For Halton OPP Men

Halton County OPP included 300 mile trips is to get the officers of the North Halton detachment which polices this area are learning to become motorcycleists in a rigorous motorcycle training course at Camp Borden. They have already completed one week of the training and by the second week will have covered 2,000 miles and will have become expert motorcycle riders. The four army officers in-structing them in the art of precision riding and the handling of the heavy machines in mud, sand, on hills, and in rain. Lieut. Giles Lussier, in charge of the Provost Corps School at Camp Borden said the main purpose of the daily 200 to 300 mile trips is to get the men "to know their machines and get confidence in what a motorcycle can do." He said the emphasis in traffic control is on the motorcycle now. "It has the edge on the cruiser in rush hour traffic jams," he stated. The Provost Corps School has been a centre for training military policemen exclusively, but an exception was made when it was learned the OPP wanted more men to handle motorcycles, so as to be able to cope better with the traffic problems. Lieut. Lussier stated the men, some of whom are seasoned veterans with many years of service, must be volunteers. The machines are being loaned to the county.

North Halton Unlikely to Get VON Organization

The offer of the Victorian Order of Nurses to extend its services to Milton will probably not be accepted by town council. A report from Dr. Archie Bull, medical officer for health for Halton, said that general practitioners in the northern municipalities of Halton did not need the service. The suggestion to ask for VON service came from the North Halton Urban Board, Milton's Mayor S. G. Childs said. The VON replied that it could not cover Georgetown and Acton but was willing to extend to Milton if quoted a price. Dr. Bull circulated the local doctors to find their reaction. Reeve Dr. C. U. Martin, said the county had been willing to set up the service in north Halton but there was a feeling among residents that it was not necessary at present. The report of Dr. Bull and the VON offer will be discussed at the next meeting of the urban board.

Choral Group, Cub Choir Entertain Manor Residents

by Muriel Thompson Snow his guitar and Mr. Salmer's piano while Fred House tap-danced several lively numbers. Mr. Viggers was invited to join in with the bones and with Fred House also joining the group with his violin. The Choral Group About 25 of the group were present including Mrs. June Cook, Jerry Salmer was the music director and Mrs. L. Hale accompanied. Mrs. D. Hone performed the duties of Mistress of Ceremonies. The ladies wore smart afternoon dresses and the men white jackets, dark trousers and black bow ties.

The program began with the 14 ladies singing 4 numbers. The first of these was the much-loved song "Memories and another was the Japanese Sandman. Later on the seven gentlemen in the chorus sang "My Buddy". Put on "Your Old Gray Bonnet" and two other songs. To close the program the ladies and gentlemen blended their voices in 5 numbers. Two of these were "Summer Time" and "My Bonnie Lassie", with the song "Memories" being sung again to end the program.

There were other numbers besides the choral numbers. Mr. Knight played two accordion solos, "American Tango" and the "My Hero" waltz. Brian Snow played "Mr. Callahan" and "Swedish Rhapsody" on his electric guitar. A great deal of amusement was afforded when two grand troupers, Steve and Fred House played their instruments and sang and danced for the audience. The routine began with the song "Cruzin' Down the River" sung by the "South Peel Chorus" with the House brothers making their appearance dressed in all-time bathing costumes. Then Steve and Fred House played his violin. Mr. Morris Marching to Pretoria

Notice to Creditors IN THE ESTATE OF Orpha May Houston, Widow, deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of Orpha May Houston, late of the Town of Georgetown, Widow, who died on or about the 26th day of January, 1963, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of June, 1963 after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice. DATED at Georgetown this 20th day of May, A.D. 1963. Sarah Louise Tracy, Administrator, with Will Annexed, by Her Solicitors, Dale, Bennett, Latimer & Baines, 23 Mill St., Georgetown, Ont.

WORDS OF THE WISE "What's gone and what's past, help should be past grief." - William Shakespeare.

Jack Bristow, who was the leader of the service, and his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Morton, who played the organ. Mr. Bristow brought with him Mr. David Fife of Central Baptist Seminary, Toronto, and Mr. Fife's fiancée, Miss. Pat Madgett. Miss Madgett sang a lovely solo the hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus Mr. Fife read Psalm 77 and then delivered a very earnest sermon based on this Psalm. Mr. Fife stated that this Psalm starts out with a description of the speaker's discouragement but ends with that of his great joy. He was downcast because he felt he was away from God and because he was in great trouble and was indulging in self pity. His downcast mood turned to one of joy because he remembered the wonders of the Lord and the great love that God has for us. There is tremendous encouragement for all of us in this Psalm.

Monday night, May 3rd saw two coloured movie films presented. Spinning for Speckles the first film, described fishing for speckled trout with spinning lures. Mediterranean Cruise described the cruise made by the Canada Land Cruise-ships the Corona in the Mediterranean region.

A group of eight Cubs who were small in stature and number but mighty in talent entertained the residents on Saturday night, May 4th, when the members of the Burlington District Cub Choir came to the Manor to present a program. Their singing was conducted by their leader, Dan Barrington. The boys looked very smart in their navy and red uniforms. The boys sang a varied program of choral numbers, which among many others, included "Quebec", "Sing Your Way Home" and "Go Tell It To the Mountain". When Mr. Barrington donned a Match Miller zootie the boys led the audience in a song along.

Several of the boys sang solos, some of which were accompanied by the chorus. Wallace sang "Jack Was Every Inch a Sailor", Rudiie, Michael and Tom Morris Marching to Pretoria.

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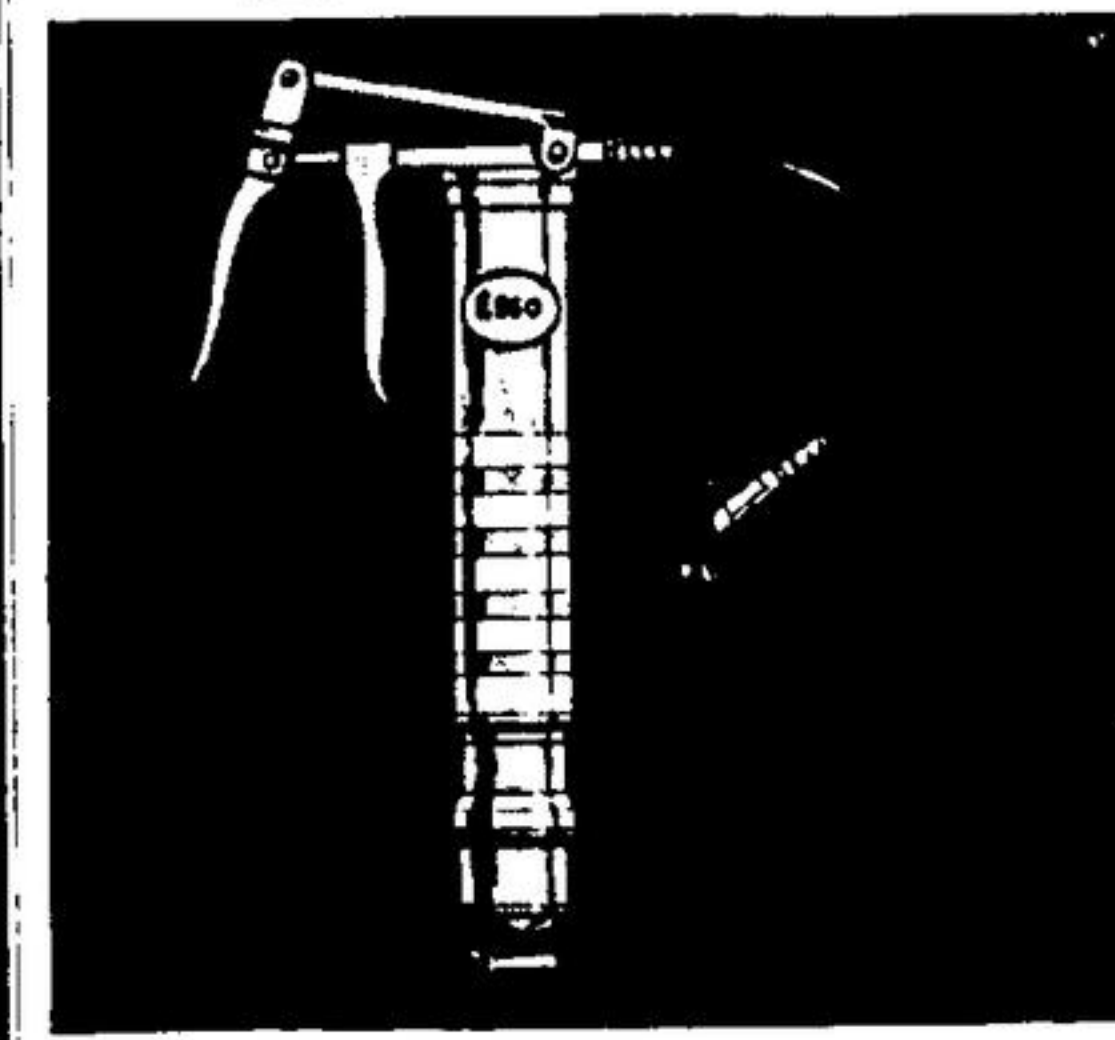
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