

"Bashful Bobby" a Poppa And Expecting Three More

Bobby, the bashful bull buffalo is a dad... and he'll be a father of four before the spring is out.

His first young 'un came into the world some time during the last week... and it didn't take long finding its feet.

FOUR WIVES
Bobby and his four wives have a stiff anti-social tendency, especially when it seemed their first offspring was to get all the limelight.

They objected, and led a bunch of cameramen in a merry chase all around their 70-acre haven in Rattlesnake Point when they went seeking a picture of the newborn.

It wasn't exactly a stampede, but the herd could easily out-lumber the cameramen over the rolling hillsides of the compound.

The buffalo were first spotted among some trees, spurning the hot sun Bobby lumbered to his feet in seconds; though, when

the knot of newsmen accompanied by Halton Region Conservation Authority wild life technician Frank Timmermans, appeared atop a nearby knoll.

His four wives, too clambered to their feet, busily ushering the little fawn-coloured calf behind them. They lumbered off to a hillock a hundred yards away.

They watched. They waited. The photography moved in. They moved out, heading west along the perimeter.

GREAT GAME
The buffalo treated it as quite a game. Each time photographers came within a couple of hundred feet they would lumber off to pastures anew, wait for the chase to catch up with them and lumber off again.

All the while the little calf was being ushered along by its mother on the far side of the cameramen.

Bobby, refused to answer to his name, when called by Timmermans, and even he repack-

ed it sounded ridiculous to be standing there calling "Bobby, Bobby," to an 1,800 pound hunk of buffalo.

"To see the herd takes more effort than visiting a zoo," said one local conversationalist. He wasn't joking!

Approval for the establishment of a small bison herd was granted by the Halton Region authority in 1964. It was part of a scheme to preserve perhaps the finest wilderness area in Southern Ontario.

BUFFALO ROAM
Now the home where the buffalo roam has turned Rattlesnake Point into one of the most popular public areas under the authority's jurisdiction.

"Bashful Bobby" the buffalo bull acquired his name last year when the bison failed to reproduce.

Halton conservationists say he will be the father of four by his four wives this spring.

The buffalo can be seen by

Colonel Barber in Hong Kong For Fusiliers Final Parade

A little sentiment, a great deal of pride and some regret prompted Col. John R. Barber of Georgetown to fly half way round the world to witness a military ceremony performed in Hong Kong.

A former commanding officer of the Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment of the Lanse Scots, Col. Barber has always taken a great pride and interest in his own regiment's sister regiment, the Lancashire Fusiliers, so when he learned the 'Lancs' were going to be absorbed into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, he decided he wanted to be present at their final parade.

Moving Ceremony
The Lancashire Fusiliers have a notable history of courage reaching back over 200 years, and in a solemn and moving ceremony in the Gun Club Barracks, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Col. Barber saw the famed old regiment cease to be.

An inspiring parade was held on April 23rd — the Queen's official birthday — when the transfer of the Lancashire Fusiliers' identity took place; then on the anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli which was fought on Sunday, April 25th, 1915, during a sun-down ceremony, they that retreat.

Sounding the bugles at this ceremony were the buglers from HMS Euralia, the ship that landed the Lancashire Fusiliers on the beach of Gallipoli during the First World War. By good fortune or deviation, Col. Barber was not sure which the present ship bearing the time-honoured name — Euralia — was in Hong Kong waters at the end of April, so the buglers were requested to perform, as their former compatriots did, over 50 years ago.

After the battle of Gallipoli six men who took part in it were awarded the accolade of the Victoria Cross.

Col. Barber said the only real difference in the uniforms of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers is the color of the hackle over the hat badge. Up until now, the Lancashire Fusiliers have worn a primrose colored device in their hats. It was awarded to the regiment for bravery on the fields of Minden, Germany over 200 years ago.

The Lancashire regiment won a miraculous victory at Minden, when according to historical records, five regiments of infantry came up against seven regiments of French cavalry, and because a wrong order was given, the infantry advanced instead of retreating, defeating the soldiers on horseback.

At that time, the fields of Minden were full of primroses, so to reverse the incredible courage of the men, a flash of primrose was given them to wear on their hats.

New Hacksles
Now that the regiment has become part of the Royal Fusiliers, they will wear a red and white hackle instead of the pale yellow one.

Col. Barber stayed at the Mandarin Hotel while in Hong Kong, but spent all his days in the Gun Club Barracks, apart from a visit to a detached company of the fusiliers, stationed in new territory.

He was accompanied by Lt. Col. David Lloyd-Jones an officer of the former Lancashire Fusiliers, who had twice visited Brampton to attend ceremonies with the Lanse Scots.

Col. Barber said that being able to see Lt. Col. Lloyd-Jones again, prompted him to go to



COL. JOHN R. BARBER

Hong Kong for the final regimental ceremonies rather than to England with two fellow officers of the local regiment.

Expo Site

Col. Barber has visited the far east as a traveller on a previous occasion, and when the military program had finished in Hong Kong, he flew to Taipei, Formosa, for three days, then again took a plane to Osaka to

see the site of the 1970 Expo in the country near Kobi.

From Osaka he took the new Tokyo express to Tokyo. The train covered the 300 miles between the two cities in exactly three hours.

Apparently these express trains run every 30 minutes and travel on an entirely new railway track. It is completely unobstructed, with no railroad crossings, it's electrically-powered. It's owned and run by the Japanese government.

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The colonel returned to Canada last week.

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Silverwood Women's Institute held their May meeting on May 9th at the home of Mrs. Russell Miller.

In a competition of making bread and Chelsea buns, Mrs. George Henderson won first prize in both divisions. Mrs. McKenna of Woodbridge was judge, and brought along Mrs. Wood as a guest for the evening.

Mr. A. Berulsh of Georgetown spoke on behalf of the Cancer Society, stressing especially lung cancer, air pollution and cigarettes. He answered several questions after his talk and the Institute handed him a donation for the Society.

Tea and sandwiches and a social half hour ended an interesting evening.

Silverwood joined Limehouse W.I. to bring the April birthday party to Halton Centennial Manor and fourteen birthdays of residents were celebrated on April 24.

The table was decorated with daffodils and the residents received baskets of candy and shared in a large birthday cake. Mrs. Cosar introduced the rhythm band. The members are senior citizens of Acton and district and they entertained with many musical numbers. Serving

of tea, sandwiches and cake brought a pleasant party to a close.

— Alicia F. C. Scott

Present History Skit At Institute Meeting

A Tweedamuir history skit was one of the highlights of an entertaining Georgetown Women's Institute meeting Wednesday, May 1. Set in 1921, the well-performed skit featured costumes of the period.

The musical side of the program included a vocal trio of Mrs. E. Thompson, Mrs. B. Palmer and Mrs. S. Robin, and a W.I. band including mouth organs, whistles, tin pans and even a washboard. Readings by Mrs. S. Walker and Mrs. F. Petch rounded out the evening.

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