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SEEING THE WORLD (PART 7)

Turkish Bus Ride Is Something to Remember

Continuing a series of letters home from Janice Carter to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Orm Carter describing a tour which she is taking with Karen Korzak of Glen Williams and some English girl friends.

Today I am tired after 3 days of bus riding (and bus station waiting) and therefore this will not be a particularly clear letter; however, if I don't write everything down now I will forget and there are too many good things to tell! Please excuse the writing paper as it has been stashed away in Patti's bag with the towel and soap and toilet paper and medical supplies and food and her belongings.

Sunday morning we got up early to catch the 8:00 a.m. train to Erzurum but couldn't get tickets as the train (2nd and 3rd class) was full. Karen and I made 2 1/2 hours in the meantime so it wasn't a complete loss. We then went to the bus station and hung around for about four hours staring and being stared at and then finally got away by 1:00. It was the craziest bus load of people — I sat beside a boy studying hukuk at Ankara University, Hukuk I finally discovered, is judo; so, we did not have too much in common especially as he only knew about 10 words of English and I even less of Turkish.

There were enough other things happening to make the journey interesting. Some of the people noticed the guitar and begged Sheila to play — a mistake — because they weren't satisfied with only a couple of songs and it was impossible to play as we were going over the roads with 3 foot potholes, 90 degree hairpin curves.

We changed buses at Samsun and thought we were free of all that but one simple peasant woman changed buses too and sat near us and kept asking us in sign language to play and sing. She also told everybody on the bus and they all turned around (we were sitting at the back — another mistake) and started demanding music too. We just ignored the whole matter.

We couldn't ignore the bumps Sheila and Patti and I sat on the back seat which wasn't very well cushioned and we kept flying off the seat and sliding from one end to the other as we went around curves. There was also a silly conductor who sat with us — he was quite stoned and kept wandering around the bus laughing and grabbing the driver's microphone to shout out Turkish songs. His voice was terrible and he went on for ages.

We were on that run for 18 hours and couldn't really sleep the whole time. At one point I asked a man who had come back to chat with us (he spoke German) to ask the conductor to tone it down. He did so and then the conductor came back and sulked and made him sit in his proper seat. The driver stopped whenever the whim took him — so we spent a lot of time having tea and cookies bought for us at restaurants; and then about 4 a.m. the driver decided to sleep and pulled over to the side of the road — came to the back and took up most of our seat in order to sleep for a couple of hours. He probably needed the rest though as the roads were unbelievably bad. Also, we passed an accident where a car had gone over the edge and there was a dead man by the side of the road, all covered over and guarded by 2 military police. That was a bit unnerving.

We saw some beautiful views of the Black Sea at dawn as we were driving along the coast road. Whole families were out hauling in the fishing nets — children in their school uniforms, old people and young, and farmers were driving their animals to market along the roadside. We arrived at Trabzon about 8:00 a.m. and had another 4 hour wait for the bus to Erzurum. Fortunately, the man who spoke German took us under his wing, bought us breakfast and later lunch and showed us around the town.

We had a relatively uneventful ride to Erzurum — except that the weather became very cold — even to the point of a minor blizzard on some of those fantastic mountain roads. Most of Turkey appears to be mountainous and the condition of the roads so bad that we could not possibly have taken the car over them.

Erzurum was very cold and as we had arrived at midnight and there was no bus until 6 a.m. we were rather discouraged. However, they told us we could sleep in the station in a little walled-off room. It was warm and free and at least we could get some sleep, so stay there we did. We got up at 5 a.m. — decided against washing as the nearest tap was about 100 yards away outside a building and it was raining slightly. Away again — tired, dirty and hungry. The ride to Agri wasn't bad, however, we changed onto a local bus there for the ride to Dogubeyazit. We weren't even sure if that was the right bus but a little boy who had been friends of us said it was and shepherded us onto it. All the seats were taken — that didn't deter him, he tore into the station and came with slips of paper saying we had seat No. d

Legion Team Captures Zone Bowling Honours

by Ralph Hawes

Early Saturday morning, 24 bowlers, members of Branch 120, departed Georgetown. Eighteen headed to Bramalea, six to St. Catharines. The bowling at Bramalea Bowl was Zone Sports where the Georgetown bowlers proved themselves bowlers of top calibre by returning with zone bowling trophy. George Nurse, Don Wilkes, Jack Timpson, Brad Little, George Archibald and Bob Nicholson made up team A. Team B was Gord King, Scotty Patterson, Trev Williams, Gob Collier, John Dunlop, Lorne Cross, Team C, Lloyd Dean, Peter Walker, Andy St. Laurent, Norm Buckley, Gord Reid and Bruce McCartney. Branch 120's Team A returned with the Zone Championship. Runners up were Brampton and Port Credit. These three teams now qualify for District Bowling.

Georgetown bowlers were outstanding in the scoring department. Norm Buckley of C team won the high single with 348. Jack Timpson of A team high triple with 838. Team A score was 3,752.

The six bowlers who visited St. Catharines were there to compete in District B ten pin bowling. They were Brim Bastedo, Bill Fisher, Roy Bradley, Shell Lawr, Dick Fullerton and Art Hills. It would appear they were surprised with the skill of the bowlers from southwest Ontario. One Branch bowler said "they are professionals". We understand this is the first time the Branch has entered a team in the 10 pin competition. There is no ten pin bowling in the Zone. Perhaps as ten pin bowling becomes more popular, the powers that be will see fit to organize ten pin bowling on Zone level and thus produce better competition.

Fingers Crossed

The curlers who returned to Branch 120 with the District Trophy leave town Wednesday, Feb. 12 to test their skill against the best in Ontario Command. North Bay is the host Legion for this occasion. There will be representation from each of the nine districts which make up Ontario Provincial Command. The bonspiel will be run on a round robin basis in which the rink skipped by Harv Chappel will curl two games on Thursday, three Friday, three Saturday. There could be a final draw on Sunday. Keep your fingers crossed for Harv's rink this weekend.

Last weekend, euchre and cribbage lured the Branch lady card enthusiasts out of town. They visited Acton where Zone euchre and cribbage competition was held. Five euchre teams and three crib teams were entered by Branch 120. Georgetown's team of Jan Emmerston, and Bernice Emond won the crib while a team from Erin took the euchre with Georgetown's Greta Stoddart and Muriel Newton runners up. This is a best out of three effort with the next evening being held at Brampton on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

On Saturday, Feb. 15th, the lady bowlers visit Oakville with five teams to compete with Zone bowlers. This again is a best out of three deal. We understand the Branch ladies have one win in hand.

Encourage Public Speakers

President Hale was on hand to present the Legion Trophy to Marlene Hume at Stewarttown School last Wednesday. The occasion was the finals of the public speaking contest which is held each year. Marlene Hume is a pupil of Stewarttown School. Jane Williams who was second is from Park School.

Branch 120 has a very small part in this very important part of children's education. However, the Legion has an extremely active program for public speaking to encourage children. The program is set up to enable a child to go further with his or her public speaking. There is a Zone contest for children of 11 towns in the Zone to compete in. The winners then qualify for the District contest. The winners of the District qualify for the Ontario public speaking contest. Could be we have an Ontario public speaking winner in Georgetown district. Perhaps the Branch could look into this and encourage these young public speakers to go further with their talents.

The Friday Night Dart Shoot was a terrific success. Hawes won a prize. In spite of the very cold weather, Joe and Bob were kept busy and the winners were Roy Wieland, Bob McKenzie, Marg Hedley, Dean Paynter, Marg Porter, Ernie Peasey, Mike Lorusso, Ralph Hawes, Marg Hedley, Bill Ritchie.

The Saturday afternoon and evening winners of the Ways and Means prizes were Bob McCandless, Jim Bradley, Ron Dumper, Ann Sutherland and Bob White.

French Teaching: School Trustees Face Hodge-Podge

Divergent opinions in grade school French instruction exist in the county and cannot be sustained long, the regional Halton County Board of Education has been advised.

An investigation of "the varying philosophies and programs" must therefore be carried out before a decision to provide a common program can be made, the board learned.

The statements were made in a report presented at a special long-range aims and objectives of the county board.

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so and so. It was all quite silly because people were all over the place anyway. He moved two old men who proceeded to sit on Sheila and I for the rest of the way which was a trifle uncomfortable.

(Continued next week)

Warren Top Impromptu Speaker

A Georgetown high school student, David Warren, was winner in the impromptu speech division of the Halton County secondary school public speaking finals in Oakville, Ontario, Monday night. The contest is sponsored by Ontario Hydro.

An Oakville high school student, Paul Warbeck, won the first place in the prepared speech division.

Warbeck and Warren now go on to the zone finals in Alliston February 21. Winners of the zone final will compete in the provincial competition March 17.

Warren spoke on "Student Power — Right or Wrong?" Warbeck's topic was "Don Quixote Significance."

Two other contestants in the prepared speech division were Simon Perrot of Georgetown and Gary Proctor of Burlington. Other impromptu contestants were Nick Rolls of Oakville and Sean Cannon of Burlington.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Canadian Radio - Television Commission

The Canadian Radio-Television Commission will hold a public hearing in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, King St., London, Ontario, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4th, 1969, in connection with the following matters: GEORGETOWN, ONT.

Application for a license by Georgetown Cable TV Limited to carry on a CATV broadcasting undertaking to serve Georgetown, Glen Williams, Norval, Ontario, and a surrounding area.

For the proper conduct of the hearing it is imperative that the requirements of the Board of Broadcast Governors' Procedure Regulations be strictly followed. Any comment or opposition in respect to the above mentioned applications should be filed with the Secretary on or before February 20, 1969, in twenty (20) copies.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, Ontario.

Persons wishing to inspect briefs submitted with respect to the above applications may do so during regular office hours at the offices of the Commission, 48 Rideau Street, Ottawa.

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