



THE DESERVING DISTAFF SIDE — As well as receiving verbal bouquets for their tireless efforts during the Bantam Hockey Tournaments, Mrs. Donna Moores, Mrs. Madeline Pries and Mrs. Jessie Hayes received real ones when the week long tumult subsided. Mrs. Moores, left, was in charge of billeting, Mrs. Pries supervised the booth and Mrs. Hayes was responsible for feeding the horde.

SEEING THE WORLD: PART 12

Shalamar Gardens Beauty Spot in Acient Lahore

Lahore, December 15, — Well, here we are in a nice apartment in a beautiful home in the best part of Lahore — vast gardens, huge homes set back from the road. We sit in the sun in the back and have tea brought to us — and it's very nice — considering that in the Royal Hotel we could see the rats running through the restaurant!!

We had a good dinner with the hotel manager and friends. HOT. We really enjoyed having so many oranges after-wards. They grow them in the Peshawar area; so there are all kinds of varieties and they are lovely sweet flavours. Next morning we had breakfast and then went to hitch. We stayed on one side of the road and allowed Chris and Karen to hitch first — then we walked over. We didn't even reach the other side of the road before a truck pulled up — one of those fantastic local creations covered in brilliant painted designs. We three crowded into the front seat with the guitar and most of our luggage, and occasionally the mechanic who kept hopping on and off. It was good tho' and we got about a 40 mile lift. When we got down we were glad to sit by the side of the road and watch the camels and peasants. The weather is so beautiful here all the time now. However, a car came along, stopped and took us along. It was a government engineer and his beautiful wife (dressed in a soft orange trouser-dress) travelling to Lahore to pick up their son from boarding school. So... we had a fine driver and interesting conversation all the way. We stopped and took pictures of a very ancient fort at Atak at the headwaters of the Indus. There was a vast plain of waters all coming together into one river. It was very impressive.

When we got to Lahore they drove us to the address of a cousin of the hotel manager. We felt embarrassed as we came into the circular driveway and saw how magnificent the place was — and us with our string bags and sleeping bags. Anyway, by a great coincidence, it turned out that the Khans knew the cousin from a time when he was studying in America and they were also there. Our good luck is amazing. We had a good evening, but unfortunately after our long travels we were not quite up to standard and after a rather large quantity of Pak-

istani beer, we had to retire quite quickly!

Mohammed (the cousin) has another engineer friend staying with him who is from the tribal area of Pakistan — in the northwest. They are a very proud and severe people, the Putans, and they have never been ruled by anyone but themselves. Foreigners have to get permission to go into their territory (we would love to go...) as there is an undeclared border and great hostility toward foreigners — I would like to read and learn more about the Putans as they are quite fascinating.

Today we sat in the sun for hours — had breakfast and lunch on the terrace — read and chatted. In the late afternoon we drove to the Shalamar gardens which are about 300 years old. There are walks, 3 terraces, fountains and gardens and all kinds of exotic birds flying around. The Indian Kings used to hold court entertainments there.

December 17, Lahore. Well, everything is changed again! We left our fashionable address late Sunday evening as our hosts were less hospitable than we anticipated. We made a very melodramatic exit just after 11 p.m. — threw ourselves on the mercies of Lahore. We stayed the night in a hotel and spent yesterday wandering in the warm sunshine through the bazaars and parks. The climate is perfect! I received my Christmas gift at the Consulate and was very very pleased as it will certainly help my financial situation. Your letters are also great to receive as they keep me in touch with Norval and environs and family happenings. All the others read them and enjoy them too. They think I have a real nice family!

We have met another friend who is looking after us in the best possible manner. We told him about our bad experience (not so bad, really, but as we have met such kind people everywhere else, we were disappointed with the first people) and he appears to be trying to make up for it by showing us around Lahore and feeding us good food and introducing us to various friends. One cousin has a beautiful voice and sang popular and classical music for us last night (Urdu music that is). He is just starting a musical career — has sung in

Keep Halton Political Entity North Halton Councils Agree

Human nature and politics being what they are, North Halton councillors do not always see eye to eye. However on one point they agree, resoundingly the retention of Halton as a political entity.

At a Friday regional government meeting hosted by Esquesing, councils settled on a five-

point campaign to carry them into the battle of togetherness.

Hubbing the plan is number one point, establish Halton County, as an area of regional government unlinked with Peel County. (Union of the two counties was proposed by municipal affairs minister, Darcy McKeough with Acton, Esquesing

and Georgetown reduced to one municipality).

Given time, Halton politicians could settle the matter of their own boundaries which the minister would be asked to acknowledge: (point number two).

The Esquesing, Georgetown, Acton triumvirate whose destinies are linked in the department of municipal affairs proposal, want all regional government seats filled by elected — not appointed officials.

Point number four: The three councils will form a committee, three spokesmen from each municipality, to continue government dialogue.

Final point: the committee will hold its first meeting after the March 21 meeting of Halton reeves with Mr. McKeough, and the Steele Commission report (which could determine Burlington's future either in Halton or Wentworth.)

Acton Mayor Les Duby in the role of chairman, and reeve Dr. Frank Oakes represented Acton council at the afternoon session in Esquesing's municipal office, Nasagaweya reeve Bill Hoey guest, attended.

Speaking for Georgetown were Mayor Wheldon Emmerson and reeve Bill Hunter, and for Esquesing, deputy reeve Tom Hill and councillor Kenneth Marshall.

Press Request for French Elementary School in Town

A delegation of French-Canadians from Georgetown made their second request to the Halton County Separate Board last week for a French language elementary school here.

The request was referred to the board's education committee.

School board chairman Peter Waters would not allow any questions or comment on the request until the education committee has studied it and presented a progress report on their findings at next month's board meeting in Milton.

In presenting the brief to the board, spokesman Edward Hayes of Georgetown said "It is obvious that our children are constantly under English influence in every day life. Therefore, it is imperative that an entire French situation be created for them during school hours if we want them to retain their ancestral culture and language."

Hayes was one of four French citizens of the county elected in Milton two weeks ago to a special committee which will meet with county board trustees to study French language education at the secondary level.

Other French-Canadians on that committee are Father St. Martin of Georgetown's Sacred Heart Parish, Rene Martel of Burlington and Roger Primeau of Georgetown. All were at last week's separate school board meeting.

The French committee will hold its first meeting in Oakville April 2nd with county education board trustees John Noble of Milton, Fred Bidwell of Burlington and Tom Watson of Acton.

The request last week for a French language elementary school board in Georgetown follows one made in January which was turned down by the board.

Currently in Georgetown there is a bilingual section at the Holy Cross elementary school for the 170 French-spea-

king students but this has been called unsatisfactory by the French families. They claim that their children's French suffers in the English environment of the school.

Elsewhere on last week's agenda the board approved dropping oral French from Gr. 5 at the Holy Cross school commencing in September.

From next school year the oral French program will be given at the grades 6, 7 and 8 level in all elementary separate schools in the county.

This policy will add oral French to the Grade 8 classes in Burlington and drop Grade 5 French in Oakville schools. Also it will increase the oral French lessons to five days a week from the current four.

The aim of the new policy said chairman Waters, is to equalize the oral French program.

Many Displays Planned For Annual 'Y' Review

by Jim Egerton
Rags and Bones, Rags and Bones. A very familiar line to those who are over twenty-five and under fifty. Well your 'Y' is looking for those exactly. Not quite bone marrow or burp, but we need articles for our 'Y's' coming Rummage Sale and auction.

This is the time for spring cleaning and such, dusting behind the pictures your mother-in-law forgot to check behind in her last frenzied visit. Well we can use anything from a left shoe to a pin-striped suit.

What is the 'Y' doing in town? What do those who attend do? Well why don't you come and find out? The annual review is coming. It takes place Sunday,

March 30. Master of Ceremonies is Frank Bryant and entertainment will be provided by Julian Reed.

Some of the active displays you can see are boys and girls gymnasts, judo, badminton, yoga, play schoolers and ladies keep fit. The passive displays will be track and field, puppet making, archery, preparation for marriage, golf, V world service and day camps. Free refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Come on and bring the children and enjoy a Sunday afternoon out.

Don't forget to join the golf classes at the high school. Instructor is Peter Carter. (North Halton's pro).

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