

Marble Work Exquisite On Indian Sikh Temple

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

We travelled towards Amritsar — stopped the night in a town about 15 miles away called Tarn Taran. The Guest House was full; so we had to stay the night in a Sikh temple. They put up beds for five of us in a large room — John and Ashjorn slept in the Land Rover. Everything was great until about 4.30 or 5 a.m. when the first services began and we had to listen to loud electronic Sikh music for the rest of our sleep-time.

We were then taken by one of the Sikhs to his home for breakfast and afterward he took us to the Temple in his town. It was quite cold but we had to take our shoes off and wash our feet and walk barefoot into the Temple. It was tiny but richly decorated in gold leaf — brilliant stones and enamels. Their music has a good beat — you would hardly know it was part of a religious service.

Usually there are two or three musicians playing drums (table) and harmonium. The people bring flower garlands and coins and offerings of food and so appear to enjoy going to the Temple.

We got away by mid-morning after provisioning ourselves with lots of fruit to eat on the way. The oranges (I think they are Mandarins) are big and are sweet like Honey Dew and the bananas are quite small but much more succulent than the ones we get.

We met another Sikh in Amritsar who took us all through the Golden Temple there. It is very famous — think the most well-known of the Sikh Temples. It sits in the middle of a pool of water and must be entered from a long walk way over the water (which has loads of huge carp swimming around in it).

The work inside and out of the Temple is exquisite — tiny flowers and images made of coloured chips of marble or painted in bright colours with very fine brush strokes — we watched a man repainting the Temple — people worshipping, people working. Holy men studying their books in 3 or 4 hour shifts — and people like us walking around staring at everything.

Afterwards we spent a long time looking through the bazaars — at knives and antique swords, beautiful materials, weird Eastern musical instruments. We had lunch in a restaurant and really burned our insides up with hot, hot chili dishes. Finally, we thought we'll lose have to lose weight!

However, since coming to Delhi, we have had wonderful meals prepared by the families we have visited — so I guess I will have to depend on the return journey for that. Syph like figure I imagined I would end up with (as usual, that's become another joke).

Shela knows an Indian fellow in London whose father works in the Indian foreign affairs department (he is working with international scholarship schemes) and we are staying in Delhi as his guests.

So far, we have experienced wonderful hospitality here. The first night we stayed at Mr. Gupta's apartment right in the middle of the old Delhi Jazaar. He owns a very large house which he lets out to tenants, but he prefers to live there as it's so central. That part of Delhi is teeming with life — hum and otherwise (cows, dogs, etc.) — but it is clean and exciting, not at all depressing as one might expect.

There is every kind of activity going on — all handicrafts and shops, abundant family life — plus the music of the street dances and singers, snake charmers, the lot! We really like it here. But we had made plans to celebrate Christmas with the Danish boys and so were looking for a place where we could cook a dinner, and sing carols, etc.

The following morning we went to the office of a friend of Mr. Gupta and an amazing process began to take place. Our lives were organized again (but in a nice way) by two brothers who own a large cable company and have phones and

to a switchboard at their disposal. Within an hour, we had found a Land Rover service, an insurance firm for the car, had checked mail at the various embassies and had a place to stay with the manager of the firm and his young wife (she's just 21). So the boys were invited also to be our guests — oh, there are four now as they gave a lift to a boy from Nova Scotia in Lahore — and our fantastic crowd converged on Rita and Su's household. It's a large (huge, actually) comfortable place in the newest part of New Delhi and so our numbers make little impression on the vastness of the place, but they still feed us and entertain us which is a lot for them to take on.

They were so worried that we would not enjoy ourselves on Christmas Eve; whereas, all we wanted was a quiet evening by ourselves singing and talking. Rita and Su had to go out but promised to come back early to eat with us. While they were out, Yox, the man from the cable company came with his wife and took us to a high society charity deal where Indian music was being played. We were embarrassed because we were not dressed up (I had on a green sari given to me by Rita — it's gorgeous — rich green embroidered in heavy silver threads!) — I had been traipsing around in the sari all day in my bare feet and didn't have any shoes to wear. Anyway, we went and looked at all the women's clothes and jewels and were bored by everything else. We didn't stay very long, came back and had an excellent Christmas Eve dinner, complete with chicken!

We sang and talked until about 2 a.m. which shows what a nice time we had.

Wants School Board, Towns Seek Government Solution

"Rather than level accusations and criticisms the Board and the municipalities should co-operate in a common concerted effort to urge those who are really responsible for our problems—that is, the provincial government—to implement effective remedies." County Board of Education chairman F. Armitage said last week.

The chairman was commenting as growing municipal dissent over education costs mounted.

"The Halton County Board of Education has established a budget for 1969 which it believes is reasonable and realistic, taking into account a significant increase in the number of pupils and increased cost of operation for 1969 when compared to 1968 costs" the chairman declared.

He stressed the board is responsible for its annual operating budget but has no control over provincial grants and the apportioning of the costs to the municipalities.

"This is done in accordance with legislation enacted by the provincial government."

The chairman also noted the Board is forwarding a brief to the provincial government outlining its concern and advancing recommendations on the grant structure.

The cost per pupil for elementary education in Halton is \$587 and for secondary \$1,027. "Costs per pupil in most large urban municipalities and metro areas, providing comparable educational programs in 1968, exceeded \$600 for elementary pupils and \$1,100 for secondary pupils," the chairman pointed out.

This year 41 per cent of the total \$32,025,422 budget will be paid by the province. The balance of the costs, levied against the municipalities, is calculated on a different formula at the elementary and at the secondary school level. Next year legislation calls for the elementary costs to be apportioned as the secondary costs are this year.

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Three members of the Howland Wrigglesworth Public School teaching staff, principal William Kinrade, Mrs. M. Sykes and Mrs. P. Gudgeon, were among 250 elementary school teachers from across Ontario who attended a conference in Toronto April 17 and 18 to discuss prospects for education in the 1970's.

Mrs. William Chaplin Served Many Church Organizations

A dedicated churchwoman, who served on many organizations in St. George's Anglican Church, Mrs. William Chaplin, 45, of 8 College St., died in Toronto Western Hospital on April 14 where she had undergone a major operation two weeks before.

Mrs. Chaplin had served her church as a choir member, as vice president and treasurer of the Anglican Church Women, a member of the Altar Guild and choir mother for the boys' choir.

Born in Ilford, Essex, England, she was the daughter of Emma Jane Vardigans and the late Victor Vardigans. She met her husband while he was serving with the Canadian army overseas in World War 2 and came to Georgetown a few months after their marriage in February, 1945.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 120 Canadian Legion, and held her St. John Ambulance first aid certificate. Mrs. Chaplin was a noon hour supervisor at Wrigglesworth public school.

She leaves her husband and three children, Janis, Andrea and William Jr. and her mother Mrs. Victor Vardigans of Norwich, England.

The choir, of which she had been a faithful member, took part in the funeral service in the church on Thursday, which was conducted by Rev. Eric Mills. A former parishoner, Rev. Alex Dobson, of Arthur, read the lesson. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Thomas Warnes, Bernard Shrubsole, Floyd Briden, Henry (Hank) Chaplin, Rev. Alex Dobson and Noel Hearder, R.R. 4, Dundas.

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Businesswomen Panel Discusses Club Work

April 14 members of the Business & Professional Women's Club met at North Halton Golf & Country Club for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Ada Wilkinson, president, was in the chair for the meeting. Mrs. Audrey Scott was appointed delegate to the Provincial Conference being held in London this coming weekend. Members of the club reviewed the various resolutions being presented at the conference and indicated Mrs. Scott the feelings of the club on several issues.

Miss Jean Mackenzie was appointed chairman of an Ad Hoc committee to study various aspects of the setting up of a loan fund for girls needing assistance to further their education. There was some discussion on the advantages of having the Victorian Order of Nurses established in town and the matter was passed to committee for further study.

To conclude the meeting there was an informal panel of three, Miss Nora Kranz, Mrs. Effie Mullen and Mrs. Aileen Bradley, to answer various questions pertaining to club work and general information. The questions fielded to the panel all ended in a discussion on the various subjects with the group as a whole and was most interesting and entertaining. The program was arranged by Mrs. Maureen Walker.

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