



**FIVE GENERATIONS**

A rare occurrence is this five generations photo, taken when Mrs. E. Cresswell, 35 Joycelyn Cres., daughters Mrs. W. Banks of Cooksville and Marylee and granddaughter Jennifer visited New Westminster, B.C., recently. Senior member of the family is Mrs. Mabel McIntosh, 89 of New Westminster, who poses here with daughter Mrs. L. Handyside, right, also of New Westminster; Mrs. Cresswell, Mrs. Banks and five-month old Jennifer.

**SEEING THE WORLD—PART 20**

**Only Muslims May Enter Mashhad's Holy Mosque**

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

In Pakistan, the people are militant as well as nationalistic. It has been said that young students wanted war with India and because they couldn't have that, they rioted against their own government. We saw lots of damage in the Mall in Lahore — overturned, burned cars, broken windows and looted stores, light stands shattered and bus stalls destroyed. All the time we were there the cur-

invited to visit his wife — as they are Muslim, men are not allowed into the women's quarters. She was very pretty — expecting a child any day now — had three other young children. With Mr. Sofi as interpreter, we visited over pomengranates, asking polite questions and keeping comfortably warm under big heaters under a low table. We hated to go back into the cold after that.

Well, this is enough for now. We've decided on a southern route to Teheran through Qazvin, Zahedan and Isfahan; so I can mail this from Pakistan which has a reasonable mail

The dome is a brilliant turquoise blue on a golden base — the blue and gold then figuring largely in all the mosaics. The paint on the dome is made from crushed turquoise stones as turquoise is found in the mountains near Mashhad.

We went to see a turquoise factory just beyond the bazaar. There young boys were polishing the stones on little hand-turned wheels. The proprietor showed us all kinds of stones — some clear robin's egg blue and others, less expensive ones, ranging from blue-veined to deep, rich winter green. We looked at lots of jewellery too, but it was not so impressive as they use an inferior quality of gold that appears almost tinselly. Here in Teheran you can buy

magnificent jewellery but it is much more expensive.

We also went down a little side street where the stone artisans have their shops. There, we saw polished marble vases and bowls and watched the men working (in that bitter cold) over tiny gas burners. We also liked very much the Mashhad stone work — a characteristic craft of that area. The stone is grey and quite heavy (rather uninteresting looking really) but they create beautiful designs by cutting it into shapes, then carving out figures on it and painting the raised parts with black enamel paint — very Persian or at least they remind me of so much that I have seen of Islamic art.

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**STUDY COST OF REGION**

Peel County has requested a study of the financial implications of regional government before it will take a stand on the proposal to merge Halton and Peel Counties in a Metro area. In April, Halton County went on record as opposed to the region proposed by Municipal Affairs minister Darcy McKeough.



Karen Kozack of Glen Williams, right, and her English friend Chris, read the Herald in an Indian Hotel.

few was in force and there were truckloads of soldiers driving around but we were never really bothered — except that Heinz had to wait three days before he could finally get everything settled: his rifle and customs.

We had to go back to the border twice and wait and wait and then twice to the airport, so we were getting rather disgusted with it all. Actually, the only excitement after the 4.00 curfew was driving around town explaining to all the soldiers that we were tourists just come from the border and was there really a curfew?

Once the rifle was sent, we drove on to Rawalpindi, Peshawar and back through the Khyber to Afghanistan. The pass seemed more impressive from this side — maybe less exciting tho' than seeing it in an Agri truck! I've liked Afghanistan more this time too (I'm in Kandahar, again.) The weather has been freezing cold but clear and bright — the mountains are dazzling with all the snow about. We all ended up buying Afghan coats because it was so cold after India. I paid 900 Afghani — about \$12 for a sheepskin coat with bright blue embroidery and fur lining — it's warm and pretty and would cost much more any place else. We found a very good hotel that was only 25 Afghani and now and again it was possible to get warm water there.

None of us dared a full shower except John and Heinz because it must have been ten below zero outside.

We were invited to the home of an Afghan carpet exporter for tea and cakes the first night we arrived. He was a very nice man who has made a kind of hobby of collecting tourists. Last year he helped finance two German boys who wanted to ride from Afghanistan to Germany on camels. I don't know whether you've read about it in magazines.

Patti and Sheila and I were

Mashhad, Feb. 10, 1969

Hi! We took the northern route after all. It will be colder but quicker. Should reach Teheran in two or three days and will stop for 3-4 days, I imagine. Then, Ankara, Istanbul and London. Hurrah! I can't wait! I was so excited coming into Mashhad seeing all the lights and fine shops — may turn into a city girl after all. About 3 more weeks, I expect and we should be back in London.

Bye again, — Janice

Teheran, Feb. 19, 1969

Dear All

Now, let me think about what has happened since the last letter — First of all, it was cold in Mashhad, just around zero most of the time and windy. Nevertheless, we did get around a bit as Mashhad is a very interesting place — a medium-sized city with lots of hustle and bustle as well as the ancient crafts and the best aspects of the Muslim culture. I told you that we were so glad to see all the lights and modern shop fronts. But even better was the bazaar — a cluster of shops in the alleyways near the mosque. The mosque is very holy as Mashhad is the burial place of one of the Muslim prophets, Imam Reza.

We could not enter the mosque or go near the tombs of the prophets because we are not Muslim. In fact, we could be shot for daring to enter. We met a Spanish boy in Afghanistan who told us that he got in because he looks Iranian and he copied all the actions of those around him (kissing the steps, moving forward on his knees, etc.) but it was a dangerous thing to do. Still, we could see the dome of the mosque and the tiled mosaic of the arches

**OFFER TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AGRICULTURE STUDENTS**

The Halton County Federation of Agriculture is offering two annual scholarships of \$100 each to go to county students.

The money is to go towards the cost of the first year, or semester, at any Ontario Agricultural university or college of agricultural technology. The awards will be based upon the applicants' academic standing, 4-H club, Junior Farmer or community activities.

The Federation's education committee and the agricultural representative will form the selection committee for scholarship candidates.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, it was announced Bruce McClure had approached the clerk of the Township of Esquimaux to see why the HFA's 1968 grant had not been sent, and also to enquire about the grant for 1969. He was assured it would be forthcoming.

The Federation learned its Rural Learning Representative Mrs. Tom Alderson, would be attending the annual meeting of the Federation to be held at Geneva Park, June 6 to 8.

Halton Federation of Agriculture members were reminded of the vote coming up in June for all farmers on the important one farm organization: If accepted, this organization would represent farmers and marketing boards regarding trade policies, taxation input costs and expropriations.

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**Drowned at Cataract Recover Youth's Body**

A Caledon diver recovered the body of 19 year old Walter Kurtz of R.R. 1, Terra Cotta, who drowned while swimming with friends at Cataract, three miles west of Caledon Wednesday evening.

The youth slipped from a rock at the Old Mill site, and fell 30 feet down to the Credit River at the base of the heavy waterfall. He disappeared behind the foam and rocks after plunging into the shallow water.

A professional diver, Glen Coulter of Caledon, with the aid of an OPP officer recovered the body near the same spot where Kurtz drowned.

Kurtz was swimming with two other youths, brothers Ronald and Robert MacGregor of Terra Cotta, and two girls, when the accident occurred at 6:30 p.m. Nine provincial police, headed by Sgt. J. B. Scott of Brampton OPP, two men from the department of lands and forest searched until about 9 p.m. Wednesday night and resumed the search at 8 a.m. Thursday, assisted by the diver and Coulter.

The body, which had been swept by currents underneath the rock ledge was discovered at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Kurtz lived with his parents at R.R. 1, Terra Cotta. He worked with the Air Canada service department in Malton.



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