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Expo, cherry blossoms, Japanese trains crowds and contrasts delight Perrys

For their first trip off the continent and their first flight, Grace and Charlie Perry went as far away from home as they could go - half way around the globe to the intriguing Orient. They're back home now with fascinating stories of their days in Japan, Hong Kong and Honolulu.

It took them 27 hours and seven meals - with a day gained at the International Date Line to reach Tokyo.

They were with a group of 40 on a specially arranged tour with a guide travelling with them. A Japanese guide assisted them in

At Expo Mr. and Mrs. Perry spent five days on their own, and were almost always in crowds of quick, fast-moving Japanese. In fact when they saw another Western face, they often stopped to chat.

Of course they were anxious to see the Canadian, Ontario, Quebec and B. C. buildings and were very impressed. They admired the architecture, films and attendants, with the only jarring note the appearance of a shaggy rock band as Canadian entertainment. The Perrys felt the Japanese did not approve of the careless hippie style.

They stayed 12 miles away,

\$1.85 and \$2.

surprised the Perrys.

problems.

Of course Charlie a CNR man world's fastest train, the new Osaka, It was put in operation especially for Expo. The non-stop train zoomed along at speeds up to 138 m.p.h. And

travelling by taxi for between while it was at top speed, Charlie Perry was up in the cab, tape Criticisms of Expo they've recorder running, presenting the heard since returning home conductor with a CN emblem and getting his reply, in They especially found the Japanese, on tape. The train is Japanese most helpful, and remote radio controlled, Charlie making a tremendous effort to explains, and the engineer is understand their visitors' only needed going in and out of. stations at slow speeds.

He joined the mobs of from way back, was excited by Japanese travelling by regular the prospect of a ride on the train, too, getting himself lost at one, station. He found the Bullet train from Tokyo to helpful stationmaster and sign-languaged himself back on the right track!

He was greatly impressed on one train trip when a delay was announced in Japanese and English by a girl announcer. Buses arrived promptly and 400 passengers were just 30 minutes late at their destination.

Charlie has been station agent in various towns, and is now at the GO train station at Mimico. It wasn't only Charlie Perry who was delighted to meet

people in the same line of work. Grace Perry, in a post office at Hakone on the side of Mount Fuji, got a great reception when she explained to the people there she works in a post office, too. She bought sets of stamps, exchanged currency for souvenirs, and thoroughly enjoyed the excited giggling of the staff.

They were impressed at the mannerly behavior of the Japanese, who automatically kept their distance when the son of the Emperor came by. This is one of the Perry's many pictures.

However they felt the people were zipping through the buildings at a great rate, not realizing the significance of what they were shown.

In the Ontario building they met a friend with the O.P.P., Wayne Pickett of Napance.

In the Quebec building they asked about the trouble we had read about in the daily papers. Charlie says the staff was astonished that Canadians would know about their "minor" difficulties.

The fair itself experienced a problem while the Perrys were there a protester climbed up a nuge figure of Buddha and peered and waved out one of the huge eyes until he came down after nine or 10 days. Officials just waited it out, with a minimum of publicity or watching people.

They enjoyed a great variety of foods from half-raw fish and Japanese dishes to Howard Johnson's and Kentucky Fried Chicken at Expo.

They were in Japan at the beauty of the mountains.

Their souvenirs include pearls which they chose themselves from oysters, kimonos and Japanese kites.

Restaurants, theatres, shrines, industries, hotels, unisex washrooms and baths, the crowds - all delighted these keen and curious travellers.

Crowded conditions were the main impression during their four days in Hong Kong. Charlie's consistently friendly manner let him down on the Communist border. The guards weren't going to converse in any language. One drew a gun; Charlie retreated.

Another four days in Next regular meeting June 16. Honolulu, with its increasing crokinole and eachre will be commercialization, ended their marvellous trip.



ON THE BANKS of the Red China Sea are Grace and Charlie Perry, during their thrilling-holiday trip to the Orient.

Conservation Week from June 13 to 21 Authority expects 2700 students

Conservation Week, 1970, will be held across Ontario from Esquesing. June 13 to June 21.

school students from 30 schools in four counties will benefit from the Conservation Week Program sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The Credit Valley Watershed takes in part of Peel, Dufferin, Wellington and Halton Counties,

including Acton and part of

Invited to Terra Cotta Twenty-seven hundred public Conservation Area during the school week, these young people will get a first hand glimpse of forest and water management, Niagara Escarpment limestone and red clay, wildlife habitat and a recreation complex.

> Credit Valley Conservation Authority staff will conduct

nature walks, explain geological formations and generally show that learning, at least about Conservation, can be fun.

In setting up its program for Conservation Week, the Authority followed its aim of educating the young in the principles of restoring the Credit Watershed to practical, useful beauty.

Miss Julia Smith pleased with

piano selections "Bless this

House" and others well received.

Jimmy Ellis played accordion

solus which were much enjoyed.

Games were played with Mrs.

Herrington, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs.

McCutcheon being winners in

"Parcels". In musical chairs Mrs.

Mason and Mr. Shultis carried

A sing-song brought the

entertainment to a close after

which a nice lunch was enjoyed

with a pleasant social chat.

off the prizes.

Bus trip, zone picnic here planned by Golden Age Club peak of the cherry blossom and were thrilled by the

By Mrs. Elsie Reed

A good attendance at the regular evening meeting of the Golden Age Club finalized the details for the bus trip to Niagara Falls on June 2. The bus will leave the Luxton Hall at 9 a.m. and those not wishing to carry lunch would be able to buy eats at various places.

Plans are also going ahead for the Zone Pienic in the Actor Park on June 25. The Golden Age Club are responsible for one

race and "Thread-the-needle" was decided on as a fun provider, with Mrs. Winn leader

and volunteer helpers to get it rolling merrily. A parcel for the mystery draw is to be provided. 40 members are expected from Milton, Our Club is honored to have a century "young" member whose 100th birthday comes before the next regular meeting. A plant with our hearliest congratulations and wishes for many happy returns go out to this genial and generous

County hires investigator to check prospective Manorites

Assets of persons applying to reside in Halton Centennial Manor will be examined more closely than ever before, it was learned at County Council's May meeting

County Council approved biring an investigator to determine the applicants' ability to pay. Georgetown Reeve William Hunter said applicants often led Manor administrators down the garden path. "They don't like to reveal their full assets and want to give as much as possible to their children," he

Acton Reeve Dr. Frank Oakes said it was a proven fact people won't reveal the full value of their assets and noted the closer these people can come to supporting themselves, the better it is for the taxpayer. He said management was doing the best they could but did not have the time to go snooping. Both Esquesing Reeve George Currie and Reeve Hunter admitted knowledge of persons living there and not paying near what they could afford to keep themselves.

William Gillies and Burlington Deputy Reeve David Coons opposed the move, noting the general economy of the country was such that they should be cutting wherever possible, not

Mr. Gillies said the people who foot the bill are being cut and government cacles seem to be oblivious to the economy of the times. He suggested the current administration should tighten the reigns without hiring a full time investigator,

companies were earning over \$20,000 to handle the money of residents and said with a new department they could handle this and cut costs.

\$7,000 and would be expected to save more than his salary in investigations.

per cent subsidy from the provincial government, Milton Reeve. Ron Harris and Mrs. Anne MacArthur Reeve of Nassagaweya argued the new appointment could save Oakville Deputy Reeve substantial amounts in the operation of the 350-bed home for the aged.

played. expanding staff.

Mr. Oakes said trust

The investigator would be hired at a salary of \$6,000 to

what he found in his The salary is subject to a 70

Halton East MPP tours Scandinavian housing

Returning from a tour of public housing projects in Scandinavia and England, Halton East MPP Jim Snow concludes that Ontario people would not accept much of the housing being built there.

As a director of the Ontario Housing Corporation, Mr. Snow said most of the apartment projects in Europe tend to be crammed together whereas Canadians prefer to space out apartments and houses. Not many single family homes are being built. In Denmark, Sweden and Findland 80 per cent of the housing projects are public housing. "I would hope the Ontario government would not have to get as involved in building housing as the governments over there," he

Mr. Snow said the visit did prove some ideas that might be

useful in Ontario, "More importantly, we saw some bad things which we can avoid in our own projects,"

Parks employees take courses

Arena manager Harold Townsley, and parks employees Don and Bob Price will be involved in courses sponsored by the Ontario Arenas' Association at the University of Guelph next

Harold and Don will be taking a communications course, while Bob will be receiving instruction in refrigeration.

Water safety tip: if ever you're in a boat that capsizes a good distance from shore, hang on to the craft until help arrives.