



ARRIVING back from England

# United Kingdom diary from school trippers

By Corie Maxwell

"Oh to be in England, now that April's there" These words by Robert Browning sum up very well the thoughts of the students who returned from the United Kingdom, last Sunday afternoon.

When we arrived at Gatwick Airport on Friday, March 17, we stepped out of the plane into a beautiful green world of spring. The weather in London averaged in the 60's, while Edinburgh was cooler, but just as beautiful.

After the six hour flight, with little or no sleep, we took a bus, (or coach, as they say) to the Leinster Hotel in London.

**Tour London**  
The afternoon was free, so most explored the area around the hotel and visited a few of the shops along the way. After supper at the hotel, our coach driver, Ron Fielding, (to whom we all became very attached), along with a tour guide, took us all over London on a very informative tour. His explanations of the history of the kings and queens of England in relation to the places we saw was

brilliant, but our appreciation at that time was a little short of ecstatic since we had lost one night's sleep. (That night England set the clocks forward one hour for their daylight saving time which robbed us of another hour's sleep).

### Open market

By the following morning we had nearly regained our normal composure and took an early morning jaunt down to Bayswater which, on Sunday mornings offers the public an open market where painters, antique dealers and all sorts of craftsmen sell their wares on its five miles of sidewalk.

Upon our return, we took the coach to King's Cross Station and boarded the train for an eight hour ride to Edinburgh. Once in Edinburgh our group split into two sections in order to accommodate all of us in the two hotels--The Metropole and the Sylvan Guest House. These were lovely old homes converted into hotels with very nice rooms. After a late supper, which was enjoyed by all, we settled into our rooms for a much needed night's sleep.

### Tour castle

For our first full day in Edinburgh we found the weather cool and a little misty, but it cleared up by noon hour. We drove throughout the city and arrived at Edinburgh castle where it was shown to us in its entirety.

In the museum of war articles, there was a showcase of medals and awards won by Canadians, many of whom were in the Toronto Scottish Regiments. The cannons and balls around the walls of the Castle were huge and the walls well fortified. In one of the upper rooms were the crown jewels of Scotland, other precious jewellery and a belt worn by Mary, Queen of Scots, all of which had been locked in that room for centuries. The only time these jewels can be moved from the room is when Scotland has its own separate King and Queen once more.

Leaving Edinburgh Castle, we visited Holyrood Palace, a beautiful building with great paintings and lavish rooms, then on to St. Giles Cathedral. In one small chapel of this building we viewed the seats of the Knights of the Thistle.

The room was covered with delicate hand carved wood and angels at the top of the door frame playing the bagpipes. The purpose of this symbol was to dispel all evil spirits and to make sure that when these Scotsmen die they will be greeted at the gates of heaven with music, then granted entrance. This was a morning tour, after which we had lunch and then a free afternoon. Most of us went shopping on Princes Street where one could buy most anything. The money system was pounds and pence, as in England.

### New pence

Since the U.K. is on the "new pence" system where 100 pence equals one pound and not on the "old shilling" system, it was easy to learn.

That evening most of the group went to "Tiffany's", which is a discotheque in downtown Edinburgh. The music was designed to suit everyone's taste, being a mixture of rock and classical. It was very entertaining and a great way to end the day.

To be continued next week.

## Osprings

# "Terrific, fantastic" holiday in England

By Doris Fines

Terrific and fantastic are some of the words used by the High School students to describe their week's holiday in England. They arrived home Sunday afternoon, tired but happy. Mr. Gordon Aitken met them with the bus at Malton airport.

The weather, they said, was great at 60 to 65 degrees. Brighton, Stratford, Ann Hathaway's cottage, Piccadilly Circus, and Petticoat Lane were some of the places on their tour. They saw the crown jewels in the

Tower of London, the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Warwick Castle, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. Altogether, this is a trip long to be remembered.

The flu bug is still lingering around in unsuspecting corners. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes were both under its influence this week, but we are glad to report they are feeling somewhat better.

March lily grows  
That old March lily is hanging

around, too, ready to pounce on unwary citizens. But every ill wind is also a good wind. It makes good business for the snowplows and tow trucks.

Mr. Johnnie Trimble of Belmont spent a very busy day with us last week. We were adding leaves to the Fines family tree. We started this project some time ago. If any one has any information on the various branches, or pictures that we could copy, we would be most grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken visited in Toronto Friday night

and Saturday with Mr. Aitken's sister-in-law, Mrs. Cliff Aitken. They also visited with Mrs. Cam Aitken who is a patient in Grace Hospital following an operation.

Petty Officer Byron C. Loney of the United States Navy was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and family. His home is in Scottsville, Arizona, and he has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for a year, and is now on his way to the Philippines.

**Continued story**  
To continue the story of the beheaded mail box.

I had planned to make a nice nest for it on top of the snow bank for the present time. As I was heading out the driveway with it, my neighbor's voice floated over the fence, "Do you want that put on?" Within a half hour from the time it was delivered to the door, it was resting comfortably in its proper place.

## Limehouse

# Induction of minister, journeys in area news

By Mrs. A. Benton

Miss Linda Linham flew to Lake Worth Fla., where she was a guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Clifford Reid. Miss Thelma Lindham was one of the Acton High School students who have been in Great Britain.

The open-house at Limehouse Public School recently was very well attended.

Mrs. Bert Benton and son John spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinton, Meaford.

We regret Mrs. Sam Glaby is hospitalized in Georgetown following a seizure on Sunday, and hope for improvement.

### Induction

Prof. J. C. Hay of Knox College, Toronto conducted Communion Services last Sunday. Rev. Peter Barrow will be inducted into Limehouse and Knox Georgetown congregations on

Wednesday evening, and will be conducting his first service on Easter Sunday at 9.45 a.m.

Bert and Brian Ingram visited with their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Banish for the school holiday. Sunday visitors were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banish, Toronto, and her's, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Unionville, and Mrs. S. Houser and her son Rick of Dunnville.

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## Ballinafad

# Trips north, south, overseas U.C.W., mini-village in news

By Mrs. R. Shortill

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Logan went on a snowmobile holiday to Huntsville area last week end.

The students and their chaperones landed back from their overseas trip on Sunday, tired but satisfied and thrilled with their glimpse of the old land. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith had a pleasant week end at Bracebridge recently.

**Double ailments**  
Larry Snow, who was recovering in Guelph Hospital from a badly injured arm, contracted appendicitis and it

was necessary to operate.

The March meeting of the U.C.W. was held at the Jamieson home. Mrs. Evelyn Snow assisted by Mrs. Ellen McEnery had charge of devotions.

### Africa topic

Mrs. Elaine Sales had a very interesting topic on Africa. Discussing different ideas and superstitions of various tribes of African people, with objects to illustrate, proved very interesting. Mrs. Ruth Shortill and Mrs. Doreen La Rose served lunch.

Misses Sheila Jamieson and Linda Linham had a winter

holiday at Lake Worth Florida, guests of Mrs. Reid.

Mr. Ern Rogers has not been in his usual good health recently, and has been confined to the house.

## Smite mail box five times

According to a special Esquering council received from Mrs. T. J. Rees of the Sixth Line, the township works department makes clipping her particular mail box a custom job.

Mrs. Rees said her mail box was twisted to one side for the fifth time last week. She blamed the township truck with a grader attachment but noted that mail boxes on either side of hers were undamaged.

"I could understand it happening once in a while after a bad storm," Mrs. Rees wrote, "but happening five times, and this time after only a little snow, is not easily understood." Road superintendent Bud Snow was asked to investigate by council.

### Tiny village

The eighth line town line corner of Ballinafad has become a tiny village with several fine houses, peopled by residents who enjoy country living, namely Trumans, Briggs, Kroezen, Birds, Pinkertons, Witta, O'Connors, Eckerts, Goebels. Many children of these families gather for buses each morning.

### Back to normal

It was rather lonesome last week to see no orange buses, but this morning (Monday) all seems back to normal. This winter or spring break seems strange, as Easter holiday was always pleasant to anticipate with Good Friday, and Easter, accompanied by the spring flowers; certainly no flowers yet have reared their heads, although the odd groundhog has dug himself out, to scamper over the hillsides and risk a shot from a rifle.

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Total requirement for 1972 stands at \$1,552,163, an increase of 2.4 per cent from 1971.

The four towns in the county will contribute \$358,240 of that amount, the five villages \$143,263 and the 12 townships make up the rest which amounts to \$1,050,660.

Erin township's levy amounts to \$148,897 while Eramosa township will pay \$110,048.

**Breakdown**  
A breakdown of the towns shows the levy for Fergus \$198,212; Harriston \$39,114; Mount Forest \$80,868; and Palmerston \$40,046.

The village levy lists Arthur at \$35,078; Clifford \$12,106; Drayton \$18,452; Elora \$44,858 and Erin \$34,769.

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