

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Profiles are interesting assignments. You go expecting one story and leave with another. Such was the case with Elizabeth Lambden who lives near the Acton Meadows Golf Course. Elizabeth, David and their sons spent many years living in Australia. However, after we started talking I realized this story had better be about a world traveler not just an ex-Aussie.

Elizabeth has touched more countries than you and I have even dreamed of—and she's lived in many of them.

As a young nurse in the late '50's, Elizabeth left England, her native land, and took off on a working holiday round the world. She came to Canada in '57, covered most of the United States, and was on her way to work in New Zealand when she met her future husband David in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

He was going to work in Australia while she was heading for New Zealand but they kept in touch until Elizabeth joined him in Australia to get married. However (there are lots of "howevers" in this story), before the knot was tied, Elizabeth took off for England by way of Singapore, Greece, Portugal, and France.

"I was on the ship after two months hurrying back to Australia to marry David", she comments. The travelling didn't stop because she had settled down. David is also itchy footed and with a long list of credentials as a "surveyor forester" (much too limp a description of his world wide work), Elizabeth was destined for a life of padding back and forth across many oceans.

Off Again
Deciding to meet each others families, the Lambdens shipped on a French freighter to Scotland then to Tahiti, Los Angeles and Canada. That's probably not the correct order but it gets more confused.

Seven months pregnant with Robert, now 16, Elizabeth landed on her brother-in-law's doorstep in Los Angeles. By the time young Rob was 18 months, the Lambdens were in Canada, Davids native land. With second son James on the way, the Lambdens hot-footed it over to England to stay in the Cotswolds.

Back to Los Angeles over the polar route the Lambdens went when David was offered a teaching position at Berkeley University. James and third son, Andrew (now 14 and 13), were born in San Mateo, California, where the Lambdens settled down for a short time. However, they found life in America too materialistic. So they crated all their furniture, packed up the three boys—Andrew was only three months old, said goodbye to their dearest friends, and put their family station wagon on

the ship for Vancouver, Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga, to Auckland New Zealand.

They were very glad to have that station wagon. It provided the youngsters with a home-like security for some time.

Driving across the North Island, the family settled in Wellington for two-and-a-half years renting a church sponsored house living among the Maoris while David worked with the New Zealand government.

Life was far from idyllic, though. Despite David's good position, Elizabeth found they lived a meager existence. The house was damp and cold, their station wagon stood out among the old, tired Volkswagens of their friends and the cost of living was high.

The Lambdens wanted their own but couldn't afford it in New Zealand so David sought and was offered a lectureship at the University of New South Wales in Australia.

Selling the station wagon for enough to put a down payment on a house in Sydney the Lambdens settled in for a six year stint as Australians. Australian country is very beautiful, according to Elizabeth, with wide variety between, desert, red earth, sail lakes and multi-colored flowering trees and bushes on the river shores.

Flies and mosquitoes were not as much problem in Sydney as here in Ontario, they feel, however, there was an abundance of large insects, snakes, and lizards, all poisonous that the children had to learn to beware of.

The Lambdens thought Sydney and Canberra fantastic, appreciating the beaches, coastline, and the vast open ranches. Elizabeth only regretted the move at Christmas when she wanted a Northern Hemisphere celebration with "everything round the right way."

But the heat she loved, finding it a dryer heat than here in the summer. All the Lambdens speak with affection of the Australian sense of humour and some of the antics their friends got up to.

However (here we go again), David felt the pull of family in Ontario and when an invitation to teach at the University of Toronto came he and Elizabeth did the Fiji, Hawaii, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Toronto trip again to see if they would like it.

They did and pulled up stakes again to settle in Acton while David teaches survey law in Toronto, Elizabeth nurses in Guelph, and the boys finish high school in Erin. They have no regrets, says Elizabeth, although she doesn't like driving in the winter.

First for Halton Police

Civilian on police association

A civilian has been appointed to the Halton Region Police Association for the first time.

He is 58-year-old Basil Cormier, a summons server with the Oakville

division of Halton Regional Police.

"There has been some concern by the board of directors that all representatives are police officers," explained Constable Bill Gail, president of the association.

The seven-member board will be changed to accommodate the new civilian director next year.

Until then Mr. Cormier will serve as a representative of the association, said Constable Gail.

There are 84 civilians employed with the region's police department. Const. Gail said he felt civilians should have more say in civilian related matters, including contract negotiations.

Mr. Cormier will be a member of the bargaining unit for the civilian contract next year.

The retired salesman has been employed with the police department for the past three years.

He said he was pleased with the appointment but added he felt there should be a second civilian

representative.

"Civilians serve as a vital part of the police force and I think we should have two representatives," he said.

Mr. Cormier has served on the Oakville Separate School Board and is a past grand master of the Knights of

Columbus in Oakville. He is a member of the Oakville Optimist Club.

Chief takes seat

Acting Halton Police Chief James Harding has accepted a position as a member of the Law and Security Administration Program Advisory Committee at Humber College in Toronto.

Cars towed away in mishap

Two cars were towed away following a two car collision at Mill and John street Saturday.

Kenneth Hurren, 243 Mason Blvd., was west-bound on Mill in his 1978 Pontiac when the collision with a 1977 Toyota was driven by Florence MacColl, 42 Cameron Street.

A passenger in the Hurren car, Ron Turkosz, 43 Maria received minimal injuries. Damage to the Hurren vehicle is estimated at \$600. The MacColl car had \$800 damage.

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