

Royal Glance is Reward for Lorne Scots

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Bill Doole, managing editor of the *Brampton Conservator* and public relations officer for the *Lorne Scots*, Dufferin and Halton Regiment, has sent along this interesting account of his personal and the regiment's reaction when the regiment was on hand for Princess Margaret's recent arrival at Malton Airport. Several Lorne Scots from town were among those at Malton on that evening, both in the bands and the guard.)

By Lt. W. E. Doole

The popularity of the Lorne Scots was never more in evidence than it was when the regiment turned out to help provide a security guard for Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret at Malton Airport on her arrival. As for the officers and men, the magic moment of the Royal glance was ample reward for any minor inconvenience that may have been caused by dressing up in full ceremonial dress on a relatively warm midsummer eve.

It took but a moment for the Royal motorcade to glide past the thousands of spectators, en route from plane to train. But their security assignments gave officers and other ranks alike the full advantage of front-row positions. They stood with unobstructed eye-level view.

Smiles At All

The radiantly beautiful Princess seemed to smile directly at all of us as the big, black limousine convertible swept by, and there probably wasn't a soldier or civilian who didn't envy Lieut.-Gov. Keiller Mackay, her escort.

As the Princess waved goodbye from the platform of the Royal train, Pipe Major Joe Sellors' pipers and drummers fittingly played "Bonnie Lassie."

The colorful regalia of the Lorne Scots, with its preponderance of blues and greens, was given sharp contrast by the scarlet tunics of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. But there is no

question that the greatest hit of the evening was the Peel, Dufferin and Halton militia unit. The Scots' military band, led by Lt. E. G. Corlett of Burlington, and the pipes cheered the crowd and stirred their blood with martial music during the long wait.

Doctors, plumbers, school teachers, carpenters, lawyers, farmers, newspapermen and business men, the tri-county militiamen turned out in remarkably good strength. Several even drove home from their summer cottage in the middle of a vacation to report for Royal guard duty.

Among those breaking vacation was Maj. Ted Conover, Second-in-command of the regiment, and Acting Officer Commanding both parades for the Lorne Scots.

Kept the Date

There were a lot of busy "civilians" who had strained a point to keep the date. Men like Lt. Gord Miller of Brampton; Maj. Ev Biggs of Brampton, Ontario Dairy Commissioner; Maj. D. G. H. MacDonnell, Peel's M.O. H.; C.S.M. T. J. Leeson and Lt. Cpl. N. Jago of Orangeville, — but the list is endless. They rushed from Georgetown, Milton, Port Credit, Long Branch, Acton and surrounding districts. They polished the brass, whitened their belts and "did the regiment proud." Transportation and equipment? Maj. Jack Kirkwood of Brampton was "Johnny on the spot."

As public relations officer for the unit, I had a roving assignment which drew me into contact with many of the spectators. Everywhere I went I heard enthusiastic words of praise for the "smart looking Scottish regiment." It was part of my duty to assist the press and the Globe and Mail's Lotta Dempsey showed particular interest in our unit. I did my best to fill her in on the various items of ceremonial dress and was happy to obtain a helping hand from veteran W.A.

2 Harry Walker, a Brampton printer, whose medals, like those of many others in the unit, testified to the regiment's various activities in varied theatres of World War II. Lotta was interested, too, in the fact that the regiment's roots went back through the First World War to Fenian Raid days, and that in this era of the H-bomb the Lorne Scots' role extends into civil defence.

Alex Fooled All

Up on the roof of the former Sheaffer Pen factory, now an Orenda building, we joined other members of the Toronto metropolitan press for a splendid view of the Princess and her party as they stepped along the red carpet to the train. Alexandrine Gibb of the *Toronto Daily Star*, who has been around for no less than six Royal visits she told me, shamed some of her younger compatriots by the agile manner in which she darted up the non-to-reassuring two-storey steel ladder to the factory roof.

Art Stewart, public relations manager for AVRO Aircraft and a former Star city editor, was among the many hospitable AVRO and Orenda officials who assisted in smoothing out press coverage. But even Art found himself stumped — as did his colleague Jim McLean — by a question of Alex Gibb. It was, "Who is the blonde girl kissing Princess Margaret?"

Looking down from the rooftop, we all saw an attractive young blonde in blue, whom the Princess greeted and embraced. Was it a lady-in-waiting or just a good friend? It didn't really matter that much, but the Metro press, stuck on the rooftop, were at a loss for the answer.

"Fairy Princess"

But finally the great moment was over. The crowds began to disperse and the regiment reassembled to embus for their various company headquarters. There was a coffee and sandwich break, courtesy of Oren-

da and then the scuttlebutt began with each soldier trying to outdo the other with his "personal look" from the Princess. As versatile as the veterans at this art were the high school lads who are taking the summer recruit training course.

"She's beautiful. She smiled right at me. I could have touched her hand," declared one slim young Milton lad with a dreamy-far-away look.

"She was like a fairy princess, flying on gossamer out of the golden west," said another youth, waxing poetical.

"Well, you're laying it on a bit thick, but I gotta admit that those clouds and that sunset were strictly from 20th Century Fox," growled a be-medalled veteran, "and she's certainly every inch a princess."

Wanted to Join

An Orenda security guard walked over at this point. "Say, how do you get in this unit?" he asked me.

I told him that we would be happy to see him any Thursday night at his nearest Lorne Scot armory. If he qualified, we would welcome him "aboard."

"I'll be seeing you, first chance," he said.

I looked around. The regiment was getting ready to leave. It was to bed early for most of them for another busy day of the Royal tour was in store.

It would be a particularly busy day for Lt. Jack Cochrane, of Erindale, the regiment's adjutant, who is also C.O. of the seven-week summer recruit training program, and for his assistant Lt. Russ Seltzer of Orangeville, who were also preparing for a visit from the brigadier.

Irish ???

An interesting sidelight of the evening occurred when some half dozen Brownies and other little girls asked me for my autograph. Apparently they were dazzled by my gold braid and Scottish uniform. I attempted to explain that I was not a celebrity, etc. They insisted. Finally one little girl said, "Please, sir, I've always wanted the autograph of an officer in a good Irish regiment."

"But this is not an Irish regiment," I protested.

"Well, it'll have to do anyway," she smiled.

Later I recalled the incident to Maj. Conover. "I don't mind you signing autographs, but for heaven's sake pull up that kilt to regulation height. No wonder the kids mistook you for an Irish officer."

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Plan Closing Mission Meeting Tea for Children and Mothers

The fifth meeting of the Sunshine Mission Band was held in the Sunday School rooms with a large attendance. The Bible reading was given by Margaret Clark and prayer by Cathy Dolby.

Mrs. Wm. McFadden told the children an interesting Bible story and the illustrated picture story was given by Joanne Patterson. The closing meeting will be held on Tuesday with a tea for the children and mothers, at which time the balm will be displayed.

After the closing hymn, lunch supplied by Joanne Patterson was enjoyed and the children worked on scrapbooks under the guidance of Mrs. C. Marshall, leader.

Recovering Well

We are glad to report that Miss Marlene Curtis is doing nicely after her recent accident. She was returning home after a two week holiday with friends at Grimsby on Sunday, August 3, when the car she was travelling in had the brakes fail at Waterdown stoplight. The car went out of control and the occupants were shaken up and severely injured. Marlene suffered bruises and shock.

Late Greetings

Belated wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey and Mrs. Jim Johnston, Milton, both married nine years on Aug. 6th.

Happy birthday to Kenny and Nancy Peacock on August 17 and August 18.

Misses Hertha Brucker and Joanne Patterson leave on Thursday, August 14 for a holiday at Glen Moor Presbyterian Camp at Beaverton.

In Hospital

Friends will be sorry to learn that Miss Belle Stouff has been a patient in hospital. We trust for an early recovery.

Threshing is in progress and despite a very dry season farmers are reporting a large yield and fine quality grains.

174 Out to Give Blood At Streetsville Clinic

STREETSVILLE—174 blood donors volunteered at the recent visit to Streetsville of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Clinic. This clinic was the first brought to the village by the Red Cross mobile unit.

Officials state that summer vacations undoubtedly caused many absentees, and that the number of volunteers would have been higher during the regular working months. Officials voiced their satisfaction at the number turning out.

It is planned to hold two regular clinics annually in the village. The next clinic is planned for January. Many volunteered to assist at the clinic, in fact, more than the officials were able to use.

Miss Eva Crozier accompanied by Miss Jean Butts and other friends, left on Friday for a three weeks trip to the Pacific coast. We wish them a most enjoyable time.

Rev. Douglas was guest minister in Omagh last Sabbath and gave a fine address. In the next two weeks there will be no worship or Sunday school in Omagh Presbyterian church, closed for vacation.

Attend Picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Featherstone and family of Kitchener attended the Featherstone family annual picnic at Omagh on Sunday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Featherstone, Mr. and Mrs. Carlye Featherstone and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Featherstone, Madith and Frances and Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDowell.

Sincere sympathy to the Cross family on their recent bereavement, the loss of their father and grandfather, F. Cross.

Names Omitted

We are sorry that the names of Judy Pewtress and Nancy and Kenny Peacock were omitted in last week's Omagh news from the list of little playmates at a birthday party for Cecil Patterson.

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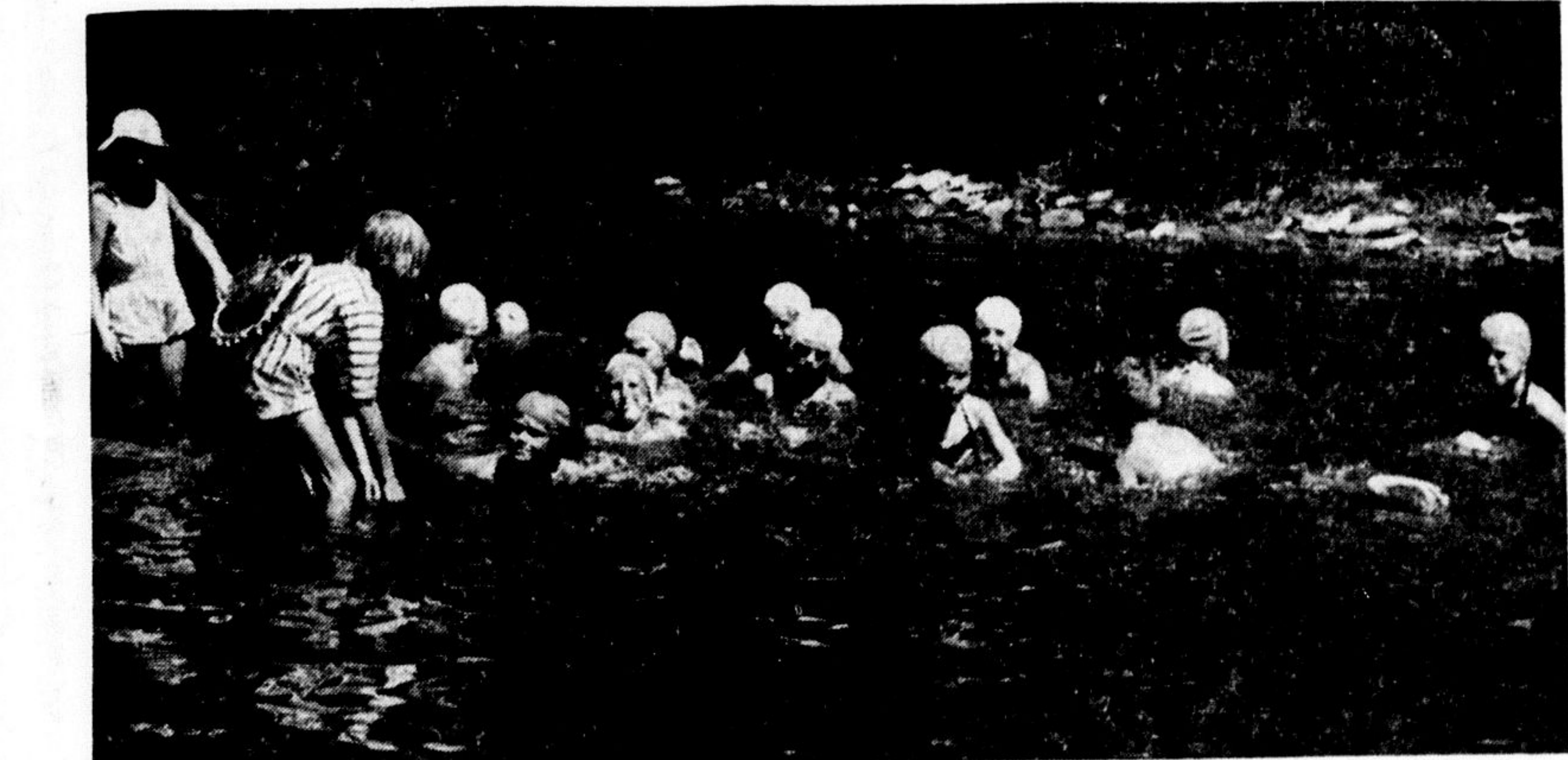
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PLUMBING and HEATING

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SWIMMING is getting to be the favorite sport of children during their summer holidays to beat the heat. Shown above are a group of the 200 Oakville district children attending a day camp, who stopped long enough to enjoy the refreshing waters of Henderson Park. Besides children a lot of others are enjoying the facilities of the park for picnics, reunions and swimming outings.

LOWVILLE Mission and Baby Band Picnic Features Flannelgraph Story

On Wednesday, the annual picnic for members of the Lowville Mission Band and Baby Band was held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hayward. The ladies of Lowville United church supplied the lunch and were present at the picnic.

The worship service was led by Miss Janet Coulson, assisted by Miss Janet Hayward and Miss Mary Jean Coulson. Mrs. Pait Nelson, who is very active in church work, talked to a good turnout of youngsters and adults. Her flannelgraph story was on Zaccheus, the little man.

After the picnic, the ladies held their regular meeting while the children played games.

On Saturday, June 28, the Jack Bennett's and the Tom Ramshaw's, following the current trend in travel, set out for the west. The first half of the 8,000 mile trip was made through Canada across the prairies, then to their first view of the magnificent Rockies which etched a lasting impression. Then to the coast and across to Vancouver Island where they spent the night at one of the famous floral gardens.

From Victoria they crossed to Port Angeles, the start of their return trip. They visited Yellowstone Park and were amused by friendly bears with comical antics. The next state of real interest was

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