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Missionary's Letter Tells Of Queen's African Tour

In a recent letter, Mrs. Allan Doner describes seeing Queen Elizabeth in Nigeria. The letter will be of interest to our readers. It was dated February 20.

"The Queen was given a royal welcome in Nigeria, but now she is safely back in England. We heard her arrival re-broadcast Friday evening. They were an hour late because of engine trouble in Tripoli. We noticed too she was wearing a fur coat when she got out of the plane in England. Out here she went around in nice cotton dresses. The day we saw her she wore a pretty blue hat and dress. She is very prim and sits quite straight. She is just as pretty as they say. When she waves, she is so graceful and never showed any signs of being tired, in spite of the heat.

She surely didn't have much time to rest. Her days started at 9 a.m., then she had lunch at 1.30. Then after her evening meal, they had a garden party in all the bigger places where she was. Sometimes they would sit on the top verandah of Government House and watch fireworks till 10.30. Some were complaining about her having such a full schedule.

The Africans were amazed that she was so young and small because they think of a big chief in great flowing robes and big head-dresses. Most of them are Mohammedans. They thought she saw them all as she seemed to look around at everything.

Radio Assists
 Over the radio they had announcers at each place just as they do at home to describe her arrival and her movements at each place and they really got excited. To them it was a great event. They cheered her just like we whites do, only they called "Kabo, Kabo" which means "Welcome! Welcome!"

Decorations
 When we were in Ibadan we drove around just to see the decorations and they were really wonderful. It made you feel that something great had taken place. Above the bigger stores they had large pictures of the Queen and maybe a large crown. The streets, service stations, and homes were just full of flags and streamers. The Africans are very fond of show and celebration. When they get excited about a thing, they talk, talk, talk. Thousands had come into Ibadan just to see the Queen.

Up at 4.20
 We wanted to go when she was only 100 miles away, for we thought we would never have a better chance. We got up at 4.20 a.m. I got Dale bathed and fed, Allan got breakfast. We made lunch for dinner and took lots of ice cold water in our big thermos and left. We took Dale's carriage in the back of the truck and he lay on the seat between us as we were travelling. We found a dandy spot under a big tree to

wait the hour before we saw her at 11 a.m. It was just at the corner that turns off the main highway into the University College. There were quite a few Africans across the corner from us and some where we were, probably 200 or 300. Then there were three girls from the S.I.M. here in Ilorin. You remember I told you about Jean Linton from Claremont — well, she was one of them. By the way she goes home for furlough in April.

Before the Queen arrived they came along and watered the road. Of course all traffic was closed off half an hour before she came. There were plenty of Nigerian police on hand to see that no one went out past the ropes.

Going into the University they drove quite fast. By the time Allan got his camera set and took a picture and his glasses back on, she was gone. But then we went downtown in Ibadan and came back at 2.30 and she passed again coming out after having lunch there. We had a wonderful view, could have talked to her, she was so close to us. They had the windows up in the afternoon as it was so hot. They had air conditioning and two fans in the car. In the morning they had the top down. They were in the royal maroon Rolls-Royce brought from England for the occasion.

We were talking to an African policeman who had certainly been around the world and had very good comprehension of English. He said it took 17 3-ton trucks to bring the Queen's loads and those in the party to Ibadan.

It was a day worthwhile but we were tired."

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We wish a speedy recovery for Master Victor Noble who was taken to Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, on Monday morning.

Mrs. Roy Brillinger recently had the misfortune to slip and break her left elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson visited Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Lehman of Pine Orchard, who is in York County Hospital, Newmarket, with a broken shoulder.

Mr. John Sider has also been confined to bed for over a week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barrett and family moved into their new home on Saturday.

Mrs. S. N. Doner entertained a number of neighbours at a quilting last week.

Mrs. Harold Hill had a successful auction sale last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham and boys had supper on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. D. Byer of St. Ann's.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS
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Quilting
 The ladies of the community quilted five quilts for the W.M.S. in the Sunday School room Wednesday of last week.

Sr. Women's Institute
 The Sr. Women's Institute had a booth at Mr. Harold Hill's sale on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Cancer Meeting
 A number of ladies in the community met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Nichols on Thursday afternoon of last week to make Cancer Dressings.

Sunday School Meeting
 The officers and teachers of the Sunday School are asked to meet in the Sunday School room on Thursday evening, March 8, at 7.30 p.m. when important business is to be dealt with.

Mission Band
 The regular monthly meeting of the Mission Band will be held in the Sunday School room on Saturday, March 10 at 2.30 p.m. All the children in the community are invited to attend, as there will be something for everyone to do.

W.M.S.
 The March meeting of the W.M.S. will be held Wednesday afternoon, March 14, at 2.15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Stanley Boynton. The guest speaker will be Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Jones of Willowdale. A hearty invitation is extended to all the ladies in the community to attend.

Official Board
 The Official Board of the Victoria Square Circuit of the United Church will be held Wednesday evening, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Brown's Corners United Church. It is requested that all the members from the circuit make an effort to attend.

Neighbourhood Notes
 Rev. A. Huston was preaching one in the series of Lenten services being conducted at St. James-Bond United Church, Toronto on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. L. Knapp spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Empringham, Mrs. L. Knapp and Mrs. Earl Empringham visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy Basinger of Temperanceville one evening last week. Friends will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Basinger has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pullan of Richmond Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene on Saturday afternoon.

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