

You Be Kate And I'll Be Gladys

By Margaret I. McLean

Well, Christmas has come and gone again, and if your house is anything like mine, you are walking knee deep in a welter of toys and wondering where they're all going to fit in. Of course the bright types who write those cheery magazine articles will have gone through their toy boxes weeks ago, discarding all damaged or broken playthings. When I try this at our house, though, I am greeted with walls of "No, no, that's good, I need it", and the battered trucks, odd dominoes and limbed teddy bears are jealously hoarded - for what purpose I have never been able to discover.

Yet on thinking back on my own childhood, I'm sure my sister Bettye and I were just as adamant about refusing to part with old treasures, as I remember many that must have been around for years and with which we played until they fell to pieces.

The most memorable ones are, of course, the members of our doll families. With the suggestion "Let's you be Kate and I'll be Gladys", Bettye as Kate and I as Gladys spent hours caring for our beloved families through every imaginable trial and tribulation.

First and most loved of all were the baby dolls. These were exact replicas of new born babies, with just a whisper of hair parted on their softly rounded china heads. They had complete wardrobes befitting their age - long petticoats, called gertrudes, with tiny buttons on the shoulders and trimmed with lace, long white dresses with Swiss embroidery and knitted sweaters and bonnets. These must have been our first dolls, because we certainly loved them the most.

Next were the Mamma dolls, probably about two feet high - about the size of a year-old child - and dressed becomingly as toddlers, with short cotton frocks, matching cotton bonnets and white socks with black patent leather slippers.

These dolls had composition heads and limbs, but stuffed sawdust bodies and we didn't feel nearly so protective over them. I fear they took much abuse and remember particularly, washing off crayon "measles" with disastrous results, and an equally disastrous attempt at barbering when their fine heads of hair were cropped, rather unbecomingly. Of course, too, these were the oldest children in the family, and as such, came in for rather more than their fair share of spankings, although as I remember, their internal mechanism stood up rather well and they cried "Mamma" at appropriate intervals right to the end.

And then, when we were a few years older, came the "Eaton Beauties". These were terribly stylish, had jointed composition legs and arms, elaborately dressed hair and beautifully haughty expressions, emphasized by "real" eyes, with thick bristly eyelashes.

And again, thanks to the enduring patience of Mother, the beauties came equipped with wardrobes appropriate to their station in life; a pastel dress, full skirted with puff sleeves and a tight-fitting bodice fastened in the back with tiny dome fasteners; a really grown-up slip with narrow shoulder straps, lace at the hem and more domes at the back; and most charming of all, dainty bloomers, also trimmed with a frill of lace. They also came complete with smart knitted berets and jackets - or, I should say - almost complete, for I remember finding my doll on Christmas morning with the knitting needles still in her partially completed sweater, left there by a tired mother who hadn't the strength on Christmas eve for one more stitch!

for spilling their food, and nursing them tirelessly through myriad illnesses, with all this attention and devotion, their children were never given names. They were always referred to as baby doll, mamma doll and Eaton Beauty. Why this deficiency in imagination, I can't quite understand.

Of course, we had the usual props to go with our families - cradles, doll carriages and even small high chairs, but these linger only faintly in the memory beside others which stand out with surprising clarity. One of these was our trunk, perfect copy of a steamer trunk, complete with brass handles, a clasp, a removable tray and wall-papered interior. Of course it was seldom a trunk in the usual sense of the word, but became in turn a tea table, an operating table, or even an open lifeboat adrift on a stormy sea where Kate and Gladys perched, their loved ones strained to their bosoms, praying for the sight of a distant shore. I suppose Mother liked its extreme practicality, because it did "old a lot of our 'junk' and kept it tidily out of sight. But I remember most of all its lovely smell - a real "trunk" smell, compounded of wallpaper and paste, and, I expect, just stale air.

A gift from another imaginative relative was several pieces of imitation food. Made of plaster, they became quite chipped as I remember them, but were originally painted to resemble the real thing. There was a little loaf of bread - so convenient! It could be sliced endlessly and yet never diminished; a wedge of golden layer cake with chocolate coloured icing and filling; a ham with a neat round bone and temptingly pink meat; and a bath bun, complete with icing and fat raisins. I have a feeling that there must have been other items in our larder, but these are all that remain to memory and with this possibly monotonous diet, Kate and Gladys reigned their families for years.

No one else was ever allowed into the private lives of Kate and Gladys (their husbands were always conveniently away on trips) nor do I remember their "children" every taking part in neighbourhood games.

For play with other childhood friends, and this must have been when we were older and could wield a needle with a minimum of skill, we had a series of two-inch celluloid dolls. I use the word series advisedly, because these dolls were prone to lose arms and legs if the elastic which held them on was stretched injudiciously, and of course they smashed beyond repair when inadvertently stepped on, and so required frequent replacement.

We spent hours devising wardrobes for these charming infants, beginning with very simple garments made by folding a rectangle of cloth in half and cutting a hole for the head on the fold. The sides were then sewn to the top, leaving an opening for the arms. Even this simple type of gown, however, had its problems. Often, to my frustration, the garment would be too tight to stretch over the fat little tummy on the dolls; and the neck had to be large enough to admit the head but not so large that it would slip off the body. We "dresses" at quite an early age, because I recall crying with rage when one Bettye had made for me (I was evidently unable to make my own) fell apart at the seams. When Mother came to investigate my wails, I explained tearfully, "She didn't sew it over and over at the end."

However, we eventually did learn not only to "sew it over and over" at the end, but to fashion quite stylish wardrobes for our dolls. We never were able, however, to equal the haute couture of an older girl up the street whose designs ran to satin evening gowns and picture hats with the brims stiffened with wire.

Ah me, I wonder if they are still making "Eaton Beauties"? Having spent the last twenty years raising a family of seven sons, I have given the doll counters scant attention. I did happen one day, though, on a long counter of doll clothes, and while I marvelled at their scope and variety, I could not but think how much both mothers and daughters must miss in not making their own. I'm sure Mother enjoyed those doll clothes most while she was making them; and as for Bettye and I, it was the hours we spent turning out our clumsy creations that we enjoyed. The "finished" product was little used and soon discarded.

After such a placid childhood, my household of riotous boys often leaves me somewhat dismayed. And after I have broken up a hockey game in the living room, shaken apart two mad-dens, and wrestled in the bedroom and settled a dispute as to which of two teen-agers is to press his pants first, I sometimes cling to a door jamb for support, and whisper silently, "Kate and Gladys, wherefore art thou!"

District Volunteer Cancer Workers Attend Reception At Queen's Park

By Toby Shore

The 'feeling of Christmas' was in the air and amid the festive decorations as Mrs. R. A. Bigford and yours truly were among the 700 to 800 Volunteer Cancer Workers of the Metropolitan Division who were presented to the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kellier Mackay in their Queen's Park suite on December 15.

Receiving in the beautifully decorated music room were Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kellier Mackay, Carl B. French, John P. MacBeth, Mrs. George B. Mulligan and Mrs. Hillier Thompson.

Refreshments were served in the suite with hostesses from the society passing the dainty sandwiches and cakes, tea and coffee.

The three rooms, each with their gaily decorated Christmas trees, boughs of evergreen festooned in the urns and the mantle over the glowing fireplace, draped with sparkling tinsel and colourful balls and holly sprays, all added to the gaiety and spirit of Christmas and were decorated by members of the society.

Perhaps we'll remember most the wonderful sight as we looked out at the broadloomed staircase with its green boughs tied with bright red ribbon bows and saw the maroon and white robed figures of St. Michael's Boys' Choir as they stood arranged on the stairs and overflowing into the hall.

If our shopping and preparations for the holiday season had left us somewhat jaded, during the next hour our hearts accepted and drew around us the mantle of the true spirit of Christmas as these beautifully voiced boys and young men sang the old traditional carols as surely their composers had meant them to be sung.

The choir was conducted by Rev. Father Armstrong but it was their director, the Rt. Rev. Monseigneur Ronan, who with justifiable pride followed each note and phrase of 'his boys' from the sidelines and won the hearts of everyone there. As he has seen many such choirs come and go and to each different group he has given a part of himself.

The selection was timely and varied. With John Arab of the Canadian Opera Company (surrounded by boys dressed as early Canadian Indians), singing the first Canadian Carol, the Indian chiefs and trappers presented their pelts and furs to the infant Jesus in the cradle. It was a most moving and beautiful offering.

A bright and lively note was added as the boys dressed in 18th century costumes - silk fluted berets, bright shirts and silk knee breeches and long white stockings, carried boughs of holly and danced and sang "Deck the Halls".

The finale was an overture! The complete choir with John Arab sang a "Christmas Overture" of a medley of all the best known & best loved carols.

As the choir moved off down the corridor to the stirring strains of Semper Fidelis, each guest felt the age-old stirring in their breast as indeed the shepherds, kings and wise men must have been stirred on that night when the Star shone so bright announcing "A Saviour Is Born".

The Lieutenant-Governor thanked Monseigneur Ronan, Father Armstrong and the choir, pointing out what a contribution they had made, and do make, towards the musical appreciation and sheer enjoyment of so many Toronto folk.

The graciousness of our hosts and the beauty of our entertainment will long be a highlight in our memory of Christmas 1961.

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Sections 39 and 41 of The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act (R.S.O. 1960, c. 281),
Section 64 of The Ontario Municipal Board Act (R.S.O. 1960, c. 274), and
Section 380 of The Municipal Act (R.S.O. 1960, c. 249)

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Ontario Water Resources Commission on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Markham for approval of the entering by the said Corporation into an agreement with the said Commission for the construction by the said Commission of a sanitary sewer system at an estimated cost of \$470,000, and of a storm sewer system at an estimated cost of \$360,000, and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Corporation of the Township of Markham for approval of its proposed By-law 1892, being a by-law providing for the imposing of a sewer rate on owners or occupants of land who derive or will or may derive a benefit from the said sanitary sewer system within the area described in the said by-law, and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the said Corporation for approval of its proposed By-law 1894, being a by-law providing for the imposing of a sewer rate on owners or occupants of land who derive or will or may derive a benefit from the said storm sewer system within registered Plan 2446.

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that The Ontario Municipal Board hereby appoints Thursday, the 4th day of January 1962, at the hour of Ten O'clock in the forenoon, at the Council Chambers, in the Township of Markham (at Buttonville) for the hearing of all interested persons in support of or in opposition to the construction of the sanitary sewer system and the storm sewer system described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and proposed By-laws 1892 and 1894.

DATED at Toronto, this 27th day of November 1961.

B. VICKERS,
Acting Secretary

SCHEDULE "A" TO THE FOREGOING APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

(a) SANITARY SEWERS

ON	FROM	TO
Dudley Avenue	140' south of south street limit of Elgin Street	St. Clark Avenue
Clark Avenue	Dudley Avenue	350' W. of Henderson Street
Elgin Street	Yonge Street	E. Limit R. P. 8
Albion Close	5' N. of C.L. Elgin Street	25' North of S. end of Cul-De-Sac
Yonge Street	5' N. of C.L. Elgin Street	530' N. of N.S.L. Elgin St.
Yonge Street	480' S. of S.S.L. John Street	5' N. of C.L. John Street
Yonge Street	5' N. of C.L. John Street	5' N. of Colbourne Street
Yonge Street	5' N. of C.L. Colbourne Street	615' N. of N.S.L. Colbourne Street
John Street	Yonge Street	5' E. of C.L. Church Street
John Street	5' E. of C. L. Church Street	80' W. of W.S.L. Paul Street
John Street	C. L. William Street	5' E. of C.L. Deanbank Dr.
John Street	5' E. of C. L. Deanbank Drive	5' E. of C.L. Lanefield Drive
John Street	5' E. of C.L. Lanefield Drive	5' N. of C.L. of Colbourne St.
Church Street	5' N. of C.L. of John Street	5' E. of C.L. Church Street
Colbourne Street	Yonge Street	542' N. of N.S.L. Colbourne Street
Eliza Street	5' N. of C. L. Colbourne Street	5' E. of C.L. Lillian Avenue
Glen Cameron Road	Yonge Street	5' E. of C.L. Henderson
Glen Cameron Road	5' E. of C. L. Lillian Ave.	5' E. of C.L. Henderson
Morgan Avenue	150' E. of Yonge Street	5' E. of C.L. Dudley Avenue
Clark Avenue	150' E. of Yonge Street	5' E. of C.L. Henderson
Clark Avenue	150' E. of Limit R. P. 2426	5' N. of C.L. Proctor
Henderson Street	S. Limit R.P. 2368	5' N. of C.L. Glen Cameron Road
Henderson Street	5' N. of C. L. Proctor	Pt. 125' N. of N.S.L. Glen Cameron Road
Henderson Street	5' N. of C.L. Glen Cameron Road	Trunk Sewer M.H. No. 14, 115' N. of N.S.L. Morgan
Proctor Avenue	70' S. of S.S.L. Morgan	Trunk M.H. No. 11 525' E. of E.S.L. Henderson
Yonge Street	5' E. of C. L. Henderson	5' N. of C.L. Glen Cameron
Yonge Street	N.S.L. Meadowview Ave.	315' N. of N.S.L. Clark
Yonge Street	5' N. of C. L. Glen Cameron	940' N. of N.S.L. Clark
Yonge Street	315' N. of N.S.L. Clark	5' N. of C.L. Elgin Street
Yonge Street	450' S. of S.S.L. Elgin	5' E. of C.L. of Dudley
Easement 320' N. of N.S.L. of Clark Avenue	Yonge Street	E. Limit R. P. 2446
Highland Park Blvd.	Lane 120' E. of Yonge Street	E. Limit R. P. 2446
Woodward Avenue	Lane 120' E. of Yonge Street	Lane 120' E. of Yonge Street
Woodward Avenue	50' E. of Yonge Street	5' E. of C.L. of Dudley Ave.
Grandview Avenue	Lane 120' E. of Yonge Street	E. Limit R. P. 2446
Meadowview Avenue	5' E. of C.L. of Dudley Avenue	5' E. of C.L. of Jewell Street
N. S. Lane 120' E. of Yonge	Lane 120' E. of Yonge Street	5' N. of C.L. Grandview
N. S. Lane 120' E. of Yonge	50' E. of E.S.L. Yonge	5' N. of C. L. Steeles
Dudley Avenue	100' S. of S.S.L. Meadowview	5' N. of C. L. Steeles
Willowdale Blvd.	5' N. of C.L. of Woodward	5' N. of C. L. Steeles
	5' N. of C.L. Highland Park Blvd.	5' N. of C.L. of Woodward
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INCLUDING PRIVATE SEWER CONNECTIONS, TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGES 2 AND 3 OF THE WEST BRANCH LITTLE DON RIVER TRUNK SEWERS \$470,000

(b) STORM SEWERS

ON	FROM	TO
Willowdale	Grandview	Meadowview
Meadowview	100' E. of Dudley	Willowdale
Willowdale	Meadowview	CNR Outfall Ditch
Steeles	300' W. of Jewell	600' E. of Jewell
Highland Park Blvd.	120' N. of Steeles	Highland Park Blvd.
Jewell	100' E. of Willowdale	Jewell
Woodward	Highland Park Blvd.	Woodward
Jewell	100' E. of Willowdale	Jewell
Grandview	100' E. of Willowdale	Grandview
Jewell	100' E. of Willowdale	Jewell
Meadowview	Grandview	Meadowview
Jewell (Extended)	Willowdale	Willowdale
Highland Park Blvd.	Meadowview	CNR Outfall Ditch
Woodward	100' E. of Jewell	600' E. of Jewell
Grandview Avenue	100' E. of Jewell	600' E. of Jewell
Dudley Avenue	120' E. of Yonge	Dudley Avenue
Dudley Avenue	100' N. of Woodward	Grandview
Meadowview	Grandview	Meadowview
Dudley (extended to CNR Ditch)	120' E. of Yonge	Dudley
Steeles Avenue	120' E. of Yonge	Dudley
Steeles Avenue	100' W. of Willowdale	Highland Park Blvd.
Dudley Avenue	120' E. of Yonge	Dudley
Highland Park Blvd.	110' S. of Woodward	Highland Park Blvd.
Dudley	Dudley	Willowdale
Steeles	270' E. of Willowdale	Willowdale
Willowdale	Steeles	Highland Park Blvd.
Woodward	Highland Park Blvd.	Woodward Avenue
Woodward	120' E. of Yonge	Dudley
Willowdale	Dudley	Willowdale
Grandview	Woodward	Grandview
	100' E. of Dudley	Willowdale

INCLUDING PRIVATE SEWER CONNECTIONS, CATCH BASINS AND NECESSARY APPURTENANCES

Sanitary Sewers	\$ 470,000
Storm Sewers	360,000
Total:	\$ 830,000

NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM

The above appointment is for the hearing of an application made by the Township of Markham for approval of agreements with the Ontario Water Resources Commission for the construction by the Commission of a sanitary sewer system at an estimated cost of \$470,000 and for the construction by the Commission of a storm sewer system at an estimated cost of \$360,000 and for the repayment of these amounts over a period of thirty years.

NOTE:

The above estimated cost of \$470,000 includes an amount of \$67,500 being the cost of a portion of the works in question approved by The Ontario Municipal Board prior to the hearing because of urgency and in respect of which the Board must still decide whether the cost is to be levied by a special rate or paid out of the general rate of the Township.

STORM SEWERS

After allowing an estimated grant of \$75,000 from the Department of Highways, the estimated annual cost of the storm sewer project is \$26,087, which includes interest, debt retirement, operating cost and reserve for renewals, replacements and contingencies. It is proposed to raise the sum of \$15,180 by a frontage rate of 60c per ft.; \$3,020 by a connection charge of \$7.55, and \$7,887 by a special levy of approximately 7 mills on the storm sewer area. On the basis of these levies a house on a 60' lot assessed for a total of \$2,500 would pay annually the following amounts:

60' Frontage @ 60c	\$ 36.00
Service Connection @ \$7.55	7.55
Sewer Area Levy 7 Mills	17.50
Total:	\$ 61.05

SANITARY SEWERS

To repay the cost of the sanitary sewer project and to operate and maintain the system, \$49,925 would have to be raised annually. It is proposed to raise the sum of \$16,320 by a frontage rate of 40c per ft.; \$4,550 by a connection charge of \$7.00; \$17,055 by a surcharge of 85% of each user's water bill and \$12,000 by a special levy of approximately 3 mills on the sanitary sewer area. On the basis of these levies, a house on a 60' lot assessed for a total of \$2,500 and paying an annual water bill of \$20.00 would pay the following amounts annually:

60' Frontage @ 40c	\$ 24.00
Connection @ \$7.00	7.00
3 Mills on Assessment	7.50
85% of Water Bill	17.00
Total:	\$ 55.50

Any owners or persons affected and who are unable to attend at the hearing may file their objections with the Clerk at the Township of Markham or with the Ontario Municipal Board, 145 Queen Street West, Toronto, on or before the 29th day of December 1961.

All plans, reports and estimates may be inspected at the office of the undersigned during business hours.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM on the 14th day of December 1961.

H. C. T. CRISP,
Clerk
Township of Markham

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