



# Castor Earl

## Garbage! No Shamrocks

Garbage. That's the main thing that sticks in my noggin when I think about visitin' Ireland this summer. There's some that say that's all I ever have in my head no matter what I'm thinkin' on.

There was trash litterin' the streets of Dublin and all the other major centres we were at in Paddyland. I don't know if it's just that way durin' tourist season but it really was an infernal mess.

If the city work crews did anything at all, it was just to kind of sweep everythin' against the curb and then just leave it there.

And I don't think the tourists should get the blame. It's not common for visitors to another country to start throwin' all their junk all over the place. Most people have more manners than that.

Along with garbage, beggars were another thing that made Dublin disappointin'. Youngsters in rags, some with their mothers, hangin' around the street corners waitin' for hand-outs. And dang insistent about it too.

I talked to one Irish lad about it and he said no one had to beg because the government there takes care of its poor people just the way we do over here. You know, your welfare system. Maybe those kids were just beggin' for summer and the rags were just their workin' outfits.

As you can tell, I wasn't overly impressed with the Irish cities. But the countryside more than made up for that. It was almost

as picturesque as our own Castor area, eventhough I didn't see one single shamrock growin' alongside the roads.

It's like bein' thrown back into another age over there. A lot of the farmers still carry their milk to the local plant in cans. And they haul the cans in carts pulled by donkeys. It was quite the sight to see the little donkeys ploddin' along with three or four milk cans on the carts and the farmers sittin' there dressed in dark suits and sportin' old caps.

The Tinkers are another interestin' thing about Leprechaunland. It seems the Tinkers are descendants of gypsies who used to roam the country by horse and wagon. But they've gone modern and travel in campers called caravans over there and they've turned the horses and wagons over to the tourists.

The Tinkers don't have no regular houses like us. they live in their campers beside the roads near the cities and they usually have all kinds of odds and ends for sale.

Maybe the best sample of Irish hospitality we got came not from the Irish but an American couple who bought and restored a 17th century house on the southern coast. They were operatin' it as bed and breakfast accommodation and, while their rate was higher than what we paid elsewhere, the place was the first class all the way.

The lady of the house was a terrific cook and it sure was a refreshin' change to get flapjacks for breakfast after three weeks of eggs, bacon and sausage.



### GOOD DEY

Russell Legionnaires Mike Gloss and Bob Morris accept the gift of a wheelchair from Mrs. Hugh "Granny" Dey on behalf of her granddaughter Caroline. The chair will be kept at the Legion hall and will be at the disposal of the community. Mrs. Dey's husband was first president of Russell Branch 372.

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sold to Dr. Frank Kinnaird when he assumed the McDougall practice.

In later years, it became the property of Dougal Cumming and was owned by his daughter Jean, of Toronto, when purchased by the province.

Mrs. Gamble said a W.I. committee comprised of herself, Teen Campbell, and Betty Latimer as permanent members, as well as Edna Curry and Eileen Hamelin has been pushing steadily for the complex.

When things seemed to bog down, telephone calls were made and letters written to get them moving again, she said. She credited the Russell senior citizens' club for helping to keep the ball rolling and commended the cooperation shown by Russell Reeve Gaston Patenaude and clerk-treasurer Jean-Guy Bourdeau.

She also paid tribute to Lois Rombough for her support.

## Visiting with Dorothy Marquette

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mellow of Bolton visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid.

Miss Beatrice Blair and Miss Margaret MacPhail of Ottawa spent a few days with Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

Mrs. Asa Sullivan visited her granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Roger Trotechaud of Watford and daughter Rev. and Mrs. Lees of Port Huron, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alto of Thunder Bay, Mrs. Brock Gurney and son Frank of Palmerston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinkaid.

Mrs. Betty Green of Chingford, England is visiting her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Greg Rokosh.

Mr. Bruce Loucks and daughter

Samantha of Deep River were week-end guests of the formers parents Mr. and Mrs. William Loucks.

Mr. Donald Hay has returned home after spending a week in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Droppo, Pamela, Kevin and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Codrington, Adam, Toby and Alexander of Montreal were Sunday guests of Miss Florence and Miss Dorothy Marquette.

Miss Anna Steven of Horsheads, New York, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hubert MacDonald, Ralph and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Honey spent a week in Los Angeles and en route home visited in Toronto

with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGill and in Coborne with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Honey.

Mrs. Robert McLachlan of Ottawa visited Mrs. James Dempsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Kiedyk, of Kingston, Ont., spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Phair, renewing a lot of old acquaintances. She found quite a change in the village as it has been 28 years since she sold the Commercial Hotel to Gordon McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shepherd, Hanmer, Ont., Mrs. Brock Gurney, Palmerston, and Mrs. and Mrs. Laurence Carss and Shelley, have visited with Mrs. Shirley Rombough.

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