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By Lillian O'Donnell

We attended the Carnival last night and are going again to-night, just so that we can enjoy the thrill of seeing this magnificent spectacle all over. Looking in behind the scenes we realized just how much time and patience and hard work is put in into an affair of this kind. But keen interest is shown, not only by the members, junior and senior, but also by the mothers and fathers along with club directors.

While taking a peek behind the scenes we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Eric Batchelor of London and Bournemouth, who are certainly doing a marvellous job at the Porcupine Skating Club. They are also very popular with the members, a fact borne out in the tremendous improvement shown by all taking part in this, their first carnival produced in Canada.

Trained by Phil Taylor, Baron Von Petersdorf Nickolson and Lars Grafstrom, they were persuaded to go into Tom Arnold's Ice Production in which they travelled thousands of miles.

After spending a considerable number of years in Switzerland they, and Clarrie and Fay Hislop, now teaching in Seattle decided there was still a great deal to be done regarding the finer points of instruction, so for months they worked to improve this situation even to passing Red Cross examinations firmly believing the human frame to be of vital importance especially in figure skating. This foresight and forethought reaped for them a rich harvest of dividends. The many pupils who have successfully passed their tests and who have won championships under their excellent coaching in proof of this. Pupils have been known to travel hundreds of miles to avail themselves of tuition under this capable pair of instructors, thus ensuring the passing of the higher tests.

In later year they have spent their time teaching at Ayr, Dundee, Aberdeen, Liverpool and London. Before leaving England for Canada they were regarded as the leading dance authorities in Scotland. While attending the British Championships they met Madge Austin, former professional at the Porcupine Skating Club and she finally persuaded them to come over and take the position she held here and later relinquished to become Mrs. Saunders. Madge who had made the local club "figure skating conscious" and who produced all the local champions believed Eric and Vera Batchelor the only people capable of taking over. Finally being persuaded by Madge, they experienced a little difficulty in getting away, owing to the fact they were much in demand by the Dundee management. However Miss Austin (she will always be that to the people she knew over her) won, and this indeed was our gain, for these instructors who are the holders of N.S.A. Instructor's Certificates and highest honors and many medals in the realm of figure skating, show interest in the smallest child beginner to the most advanced skater and this, is surely something worth having especially when a club can boast of a 400 membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor are in charge of the technical management of the Summer School of Skating and later plan to make a tour of the United States. While on tour they will give Gold Dance Exhibitions.

Mr. and Mrs. Batchelor have one daughter Erica, another skating visitor to the Porcupine. Erica flew over from England with her parents and was very much thrilled to fly the Atlantic. Was all agog with New York and loves the Porcupine Camp. This young lady has a record that one can be proud of having become a Gold Figure and Silver dance medalist at the early age of 11. Erica was the youngest skater in Britain to attain such an honor. She also earned the distinction of being the youngest competitor in the Junior Championships last year on 20 minutes a day practise. Coming to Canada she sacrificed her chances of winning the Championship this year. But Erica is happy, to be with her parents and to attend school with the friends she has made since coming here last Fall. Her parents deciding to let education come first and are content with her passing the tests here on time allotted for skating practise, though it is barely enough to hold ones position, while attending school sessions. Despite this privation Erica, who is not only an excellent skater but a fine singer is happy in her new environment.

A new side of the brilliant career of Barbara Ann Scott, World's Figure Skating Champion, has just been brought to public notice during the last few days. Not only is Barbara Ann a marvel on ice, not only has she won the affection of everybody because of her skill and grace and her winning smile, but she has earned the respect of aviation men for her outstanding ability as a solo flier. With many hours to her credit, mostly in the sky over Ottawa she is, in the word of an official in the Department of Civil Aviation, a "perfectionist". He went on to describe her as one of the most promising young people he had ever seen handling a plane, in fact, one of the finest natural fliers in Canada.

The crew of the Trans-Canada Air Lines plane which brought her from Ottawa, to Montreal recently were proud to welcome such a distinguished fellow pilot, into the cockpit. When, on arrival at the airport, they had more time to explain the system of controls to her, they were not surprised at her quick understanding of the big aircraft. They were Captain J. Finucan and First Officer J. O. Laver, both of Toronto. The stewardess, Miss J. V. Bartlett, also of Toronto, scarcely had a look in but she, too, was proud of her distinguished passenger.

Barbara Ann was received wholeheartedly by the aviation world when she was met at the Montreal Airport by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister in charge of Civil Aviation, and H. J. Symington, C.M.G., K.C., president of Trans-Canada Air Lines. Mr. Symington pinned a pair of wings on her coat and handed her a document commissioning her a "Honorary Flight Captain, Trans-Canada Skyliners."

Another honor bestowed upon her was a membership in the Short-Sporters Ocean Flying Club. On her way to Europe in January to bring glory to herself and Canada, Barbara Ann flew across the Atlantic from Montreal, thereby becoming eligible. She was initiated, recently, when she autographed the traditional dollar bill belonging to Short Sporter F. M. McGregor, operations manager of T.C.A. trans-Atlantic service, and he signed her bill, to which was pinned two Swiss five-franc notes, a Swedish ten-kroner note and other currency. In addition to Captain McGregor's signature Barbara Ann's dollar will bear the autographs of Mr. Howe, Mr. Symington and the T.C.A. flight crew who took her across on that memorable trip these are - Captain J. R. Bowker, First Officer B. G. Hughes, Navigating Officer D. C. Willis, Radio Officer B. H. Bevan and Purser-Steward B. W. Fozgo.

Speaking about flying and the benefits derived by such fast service is the way the mail from Britain is arriving in the Porcupine Camp. On Monday morning, Mrs. K. Johnson, 32 Laurier avenue received a letter from her sister who resides in England. It had been posted Friday morning in the old country and within two and a half days it was in the hands of the addressee. This is believed to be a record. Asked about conditions in England, Mrs. Johnson replied that conditions were "rather bad". There will be no fuel forthcoming until sometime in September, there is no gas and the electricity is on for only one hour and a half per day. Just enough to allow for the cooking of dinner. And commodities are so scarce, a coupon is now required for the purchasing of one spool of thread and a needle.

Camille Sebastien, enjoying himself immensely in sun-kist Florida happened down the main street of that tropical island one evening and there "ran into" Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ostrosser and Mr. and Mrs. Wigle, the latter the former Pat Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carson of Timmins. All enjoyed dinner and attended the theatre together and all in all according to news reaching this corner "it was a grand re-union."

Mrs. Robt. Chidwick, charming wife of the rector of St. Matthew's Anglican Church left on Monday to spend a month with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Cooke in Winnipeg. Mrs. Chidwick decided she would like to make the trip by plane and boarded one at Kapuskasing. Mrs. Chidwick, vitally interested in music specifically made the trip at this time in order to be able to attend the Manitoba Music Festival.

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Pictured above are Eric and Vera Batchelor, whose outstanding pair number was a highlight of the Ninth Annual Carnival. In it they demonstrate a completeness that showed their years of training, perfect control and wonderful precision. Holders of some of the World's highest honors much credit is due for their untiring efforts in training club members, all of whom have shown marked improvement.

## Presentation Gold Cord Award to Dolores Fisher

The Third Timmins Troop (First St. Matthews Company) of Girl Guides held their annual Parents and Friends Welcoming Evening, Monday, April 7th, at St. Matthew's Church. The Guide Captain, Bunny Bailey, greeted the guests.

Following the "Fall In," the Guide Captain requested the Guide Commissioner, Mrs. Harper of Dome Mines, to inspect the Troop, after which the Guides marched into Horseshoe Formation singing the traditional Guide song. The entire assembly repeated the Guides prayer. The Colour Party was then called out and marched smartly over to Guide Lieutenant Alta Fisher and received the Flag and the Company's Colours. With the Colours in place the Company recited the Guides Promise and Laws as a body. Patrol Leaders were asked to bring forward the new Guides, who had recently "flown up" to Guide standing, to be enrolled. The following Guides were enrolled by Commissioner Harper after stating the Guide Honor and Promise: Katherine Birches, Pat Howe, Doreen Parlington, Diane Locking, Sheila Weagle, Yvonne Bjorndahl, Florence Latham, and Marlene Snider. The new Guides were welcomed by the Commissioner, saluted the Flag and the Company and were accepted by the Company with a general salute.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Gold Cord Award by Mrs. B. A. Harker to acting Lieutenant Dolores Fisher. Dolores won this Proficiency Award as a sequel to the outstanding abilities which she has shown in Guide work ever since she became a member of the St. Matthews Company. Dolores was congratulated by the Commissioner on behalf of all the Timmins Guides who said, "although you have been away from us for a short time we still feel you belong to us." Iris Morgan tendered the Third Timmins Guide Company's congratulations. Captain Bunny Bailey presented Dolores with a gift which was forwarded from Wallaceburg to be given to her on the presentation of the award. She also wears a 100 hours War Service Badge for aid in Salvage Collections, Red Cross Work and other needed activities on the home front.

Dolores has an outstanding record in her Guide career which began with three years in the Brownies before being promoted to the status of a Guide. Three years of her training were spent with the St. Matthew's group and later when the family moved to Porcupine, Dolores spent one year with the Guides there before the family took up residence in Wallaceburg. It was through the guidance and assistance of Commissioner Burgess of the latter town that the outstanding honor of the Gold Cord Award was made a reality. To attain this high honour a guide must have at least 14 badges and pass special character tests. Dolores has 21 badges to her credit which includes six badges

## Personals

Mr. Joe McGrath left yesterday for Montreal where he will receive medical treatment.

Miss Bea Atkinson has returned to Toronto where she is employed after spending the Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Andrews, 41 Patricia boulevard.

Mrs. E. Daniels and son Dale, have returned to their home in Toronto, after spending the Easter holidays at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Teeple, 15 Birch street N.

Gordon Brown has returned to Noranda, Quebec after spending the Easter weekend with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, 74 Tamarack street.

Mr. W. P. Bennetts of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines left on Wednesday for Labrador where he will remain for the next three months.

Miss Marjorie Gibson has left for Hamilton where she will commence study as a nurse's aide.

In Homemaking, and badges for First Aid, Sick Nursing, Outdoor badges and Astronomy.

Following the presentation a signalling demonstration was given by Guides Marjory Fisher and Verna Jackson. The message sent via the signalling flags was "The Guides welcome their Parents and Friends."

Eight Guides working for their entertainers badge presented a delightful skit which included a demonstration of First Aid and Campfire Lighting. A handicraft display by the First Class Guides included Art Sketches, Handiwork and Woodwork by Iris Morgan, Verna Jackson, Jean Armstrong, and Kathleen Silliant.

Tea was served to the gathering with Mrs. A. R. Fisher and Mrs. Armstrong pouring tea and the Guides serving their guests.

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## Births

CANTIN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Cantin, 56B Sixth avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital on January, 18, a son. (Raymond Joseph Henri.)

LEVESQUE — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Levesque, 38 1/2 Wilson avenue, in St. Mary's Hospital, December 30, a daughter. (Marie Blanche Rita Diana.)

JACOBS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacobs, 112 Mountjoy street N., January 30, a son. (Richard Donald.)

PHILLIPS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Phillips, 213 Waterloo Rd., in St. Mary's Hospital, January 30, a daughter. (Gail Elaine.)

PAQUETTE — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Valois Paquette, 126 Belview avenue, January 31, a daughter. (Claire Simone Marie.)

FARE — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bernard Fare, 16 Mountjoy street N. in St. Mary's Hospital, January 31, a son. (Gregory Raymond.)

BLAIN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blain, 186 Elm street N. in St. Mary's Hospital, January 31, a daughter. (Patricia Anne.)

BRIAND — To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Briand, 70 Gent avenue in St. Mary's Hospital, February 3, a daughter. (Marie Therese Diane.)

GAUTHIER — To Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Gauthier, 61 Cedar street N. in St. Mary's Hospital, February 3, a son. (Ronald Gerald.)

GELINAS — To Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Gelinas, 106 Avenue Road, in St. Mary's Hospital, February 4, a son. (Joseph Laurier.)

BASSETT — Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Vernon Bassett, 157 Pine street N. in St. Mary's Hospital, December 19, a daughter. (Eileen Luella.)

PEPIN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Pepin, 60 Columbus avenue, in St. Mary's Hospital on February 21, a daughter. (Marie Claire Alma.)

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