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Lush Hawaiian Beauty Beyond Description Cliff Salmon Reports

Docks at Suva Deep in the Tropics He is Received by the "Chief"

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Hi! Folks! I suppose to most of you it must have looked like we had disappeared in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The last literary effort was perpetrated on board the good ship "Aorangi" in the neighborhood of the equator, and was posted to you from Fiji. Since then, events have rushed in on us so thick and fast that heavy concentration on letters has been nearly impossible. But now that we are established at the above address, and things are returning to a reasonable routine again, I will try to pick up the threads of our story.

According to the last episode, we left you all stranded in the exotic island of Hawaii, and I was straining for words to describe the lush beauty of what may one day be the 49th state. As I was saying, we spent the best part of two hours exploring the fancy hotels located on the beach at Waikiki. Nothing has been spared here to make Hawaii the number one tourist attraction of the Pacific. Unhappily, our time was severely limited, we had to be back to the ship by 3.30, and we had planned to send cards to everybody we knew, which was a sizeable task. So, we purchased appropriate cards and stamps, and developed two first-class cases of writers' cramp, trying to hurry the job. With that finished, we still had about one hour left. Doris wanted to visit a few of the colourful souvenir shops, and then we drove off again in our U-drive, along the main drag to get a closer look at "Old Diamond Head." We continued past, and went for two or three miles out of Honolulu along the scenic sea-shore drive. Naturally, we stopped many times to take pictures. Every once in awhile we pinched ourselves just to make sure we weren't dreaming about all this! Then, all too soon, the time arrived to head for the docks, and the "Aorangi."

As the passengers converged to the gates of the harbour building, dozens of Hawaiians did a roaring business in "Leis." These "Leis" were all made by hand out of real flowers, and all sizes and kinds were in evidence. Several folks made their way aboard wearing three and four leis around their necks. The superstition is that when the boat pulls away, you must throw your lei in the water or else you will never return to Hawaii. Most people would like a return trip, so they don't take any chances!

Once back on the boat, and with our camera reloaded again, we found a spot where we could watch the farewell proceedings. The band that had played us in early in the morning was there again to do the honours. A pretty hula dancer, and some singers, stood by awaiting for the big moment. As the last passengers straggled up the gang plank the band played rhythmic Hawaiian music and the hula dancer began telling her story. It is not easy for non-Hawaiians to interpret the meaning of the dance. Every motion has a special meaning, and you must know the story in the song before you can begin to follow it. We were content to enjoy the beauty of the moment. The motors had already put the ship underway, and streamers by the dozens joined the folks on board to those on the pier. Boats take off very slowly, however, and it was fully 10 minutes before the streamers began to break. As a bit of side entertainment, a score of Hawaiian boys dove into the water for money thrown by the passengers. They would collect the coins off the bottom and come to the surface with their mouths full. Folks were already donating their leis to the sea. The band, with dramatic finality played the famous "Aloha Oe." You can take it from me that, played thusly, with the harmony mellowed across widening expanse of water, "Aloha Oe" is a real tear-jerker. Darn few of the passengers said good-bye to Honolulu with dry eyes.

With the Aloha tower diminishing in the distance, once more we had a beautiful panorama of the island bathed in the later afternoon sunlight. As an added touch, a rainbow was in evidence, as it was raining not far away from the city. I took several pictures as we pulled further and further away, then finally went to our cabin to get ready for dinner. That evening, the boat seemed a bit drab and unromantic. To many of us it seemed we had turned over a beautiful page of experiences much too hastily.

Bright and early in the morning, we were up for a walk around the deck before breakfast. We were in the tropics now, and each day we saw shoals of flying fish as they scampered out of the path of the boat. They skim along the surface at terrific speed, and according to one of the seamen that is how they escape the devouring activities of the larger fish. Occasionally, we would pass a school of porpoises, and they would race along parallel to the ship's course, but disappear before you could get a camera aimed at them. With the sun directly overhead, the ocean becomes much bluer, in great contrast to the greenish tinge it has in more northern waters. Many times we remarked about how glossy smooth the surface was. We passed Canton Island in the distance at nightfall, and the lights were plainly visible. This island was important as a base during the Pacific war and is also used as an air-base. Our next thrill was seeing the islands of the Fiji group. We passed dozens of them. Little ones, (continued on page 6, 2nd section)

Interesting Study At Mothercraft Clinic



Nurse—Miss Barbara Walker. Babies left to right—Neil Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Logan, Stouffville, Catherine Bacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bacon, Stouffville, Susan Sinclair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Markham, and Lois Hisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hisey, Stouffville.

(Photo by Cadieux)

HALF-LOADS FOR TRUCKERS

Truckers are warned in official newspaper notices and roadside signs that half loads only are now permitted during the spring breakup. Most truckers are aware of the condition, and should be careful to obey the law, since heavy loads at this season do untold damage to highways. Police have been instructed to see that the order is obeyed.

Popular Town Barber Wm. Harding Passes In His 51st Year

The death of William Ross Harding in his 51st year at his home on Main Street east on Saturday, came as a great shock to everybody. He was widely known. Born and reared right where he died, "Bill" as he was popularly called, followed two of his brothers in the barbering trade, and took over his own shop in town, when his late brother Archie died. For some years the shop has been conducted in the Mansion House, and prior to that the business was carried on just east of the C.N.R. in a frame building since destroyed by fire.

Son of the late William and Alice Harding, William was the second youngest boy, and the family are among the oldest inhabitants, since the late Mrs. Harding who lived to a good age, was a member of the Yake family that settled in the east end about a century ago. The family are Presbyterian in religion, and the deceased was a member of St. James Church in Stouffville.

Surviving are three sisters, Mary (Mrs. Beatie), Miss Effie at home and Viola (Mrs. Middleton) of Goodwood, and one brother Oliver on the 8th concession of Whitechurch just north of Ringwood. Two other brothers died within recent years, all from heart trouble. They are Arthur and Archie.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon proceeded from the chapel of L. E. O'Neill to the family plot in Stouffville cemetery. Rev. D. Davis conducted the service, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Wm. Armstrong, Cecil Brown, W. Holden, Don Lehman, Fred Alsop and Cameron Meaby.

Members present were Messrs. Riches, Len Wilkes, Elmer Daniels, Reg. Stouffer, Dr. S. T. Bodendistel and Mrs. John Button.

Public School Board Favors Immediate School Addition

The Stouffville public school board in session Monday evening passed a resolution declaring that it was expedient that at least two additional rooms be added to the school building to care for present overcrowding. The resolution called upon the chairman to arrange a meeting with the public school inspector in order to discuss the situation and determine the next step. Chairman Frank Riches promised quick action and warned members to be ready for a special meeting on short notice.

Rooms in the basement of the school intended for play rooms are being entirely absorbed for class rooms, and still there is not enough rooms available. This situation, coupled with the recent survey showing an increasing number of pupils coming in over the next year or two, call for quick action.

If the inspector views the move favorably, the High School Area Board will be consulted as to their needs.

Reeve Nolan was asked to attend the school meeting, and told the trustees that so far, as tax rates are concerned, the present would be opportune for an addition to the school, since the big road debentures would all be paid off this year, totalling over seven mills on the local taxes. The addition of the debenture to cover any proposed new class rooms would absorb only a fraction of the seven mills, and the tax rate would still point downward.

The town auditor called attention to an oversight in making up the school budget, so that instead of the trustee board requiring an additional four and a quarter mills on the tax rate, they will need the same tax demand as made last year. A resolution was passed to send on a revised lower demand to the village council, than the one previously made.

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CEDAR VALLEY COUPLE FIFTY YEARS MARRIED



MR. AND MRS. W. YOUNGER

Feted there recently on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Younger of Cedar Valley, Ont. Mr. Younger was born in Scotland 76 years ago and his wife, also 76, was born in Ireland. Married in Glasgow, Scotland, they have two daughters, three sons, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pickering Twp. Lady Charged with Unlawfully Killing Dog

One woman collapsed in magistrate's court Tuesday and another, Mrs. Nora Schwalm, Pickering mink rancher, testified she fired a rifle from the hip and struck a dog at 35 feet, Dec. 9, when it turned on her as she found it snarling at a mink pen.

After hearing four hours of testimony in the case of Mrs. Schwalm, charged with unlawfully killing a dog, Magistrate Frank Ebbs reserved his decision one week.

A crown witness, Mrs. Rose Oldfield, fainting in a policeman's arms shortly after she told of seeing the 4-year-old dog shot in front of Mrs. Schwalm's house, nearly 100 yards from where the body was found, near mink pens. A trailer occupant on the Schwalm property, Mrs. Oldfield was a frequent visitor in the home. The woman was carried from court and revived.

The charge was laid by Chief Inspector Robert Johnstone of Toronto Humane Society. He investigated the case at the suggestion of the dog's owner, George Penton of Pickering Township. Evidence showed that Penton had visited township police, the Attorney-General's department, and County Crown Attorney Alex Hall before he went to the society.

Penton testified Chief John Irvine of township police brought the dog's collar to him and told him no charge would be laid, although he knew the pet had obviously been shot. Irvine has since been discharged.

"I wasn't satisfied with that," Penton said. "I was disappointed."

The dog was his obedient pet, Penton testified, and it would have gone home if Mrs. Schwalm had ordered it to go. He said it was never known to attack anybody.

Albert Everest said the dog attacked him once or twice three and a half years ago as he was delivering ice to the house. "It snarled and barked at me, and bit my trousers," he testified.

About seven months later as he was walking past the house it barked at him again, he said.

Mrs. Oldfield said she was let in the house alone with Mrs. Schwalm's daughter, who commented when she heard a shot: "Mother killed the dog." Witness claimed the shooting occurred near the house. She said she saw the dog's headquarters quivering as Mrs. Schwalm fired the second shot at its head.

The accused woman, however, claimed she shot the dog in the enclosure at the back of the house where the mink were kept. Three cages were tipped, she said, and one female breeding mink was so frightened it ate its own tail and part of a foot and finally had to be destroyed.

"The dog went away the first time I chased it but it came back," Mrs. Schwalm told court. "I was frightened, so I got a .22-rifle to scare it away. I carried the rifle at

Local By-Law to Designate Sub-Division Control Now In Force in Stouffville

The municipal council of Stouffville has enacted a by-law designed to control the sale of village lots without the land owner first submitting a registered plan. Now the bylaw has become law, it will be illegal for anyone to sell building lots for any purpose until the land has been properly blueprinted, and the size and boundaries of lots placed on a duly registered plan.

The bylaw is similar to that passed within recent years in the townships of Markham and Whitchurch, where much trouble had been encountered through the sale of lots by metes and bounds.

Where lots are sold by metes and bounds a long description is demanded; and too often the landmarks by which the lot is measured from are not permanent and much trouble follows in after years. It is known that where lands have fallen in arrears for taxes, a tax sale has been long delayed because the municipality found there was not a proper title due to faulty boundaries.

Under the new law landowners intending to sell lots, will have a blue print prepared showing the lots all numbered and their size, indicating road allowance, and other features, if any, all of which will become known as a registered plan and purchasers who buy a lot from this plan are assured of its boundaries without a lengthy uncertain description.

Markham To Scrap Plumbing By-Law

William Clark, councillor, again told Markham council in session on Monday that he favored dumping the present plumbing bylaw and substituting an old bylaw that had little in the way of restriction. Councillor C. Hooper also favored this move, but Reeve Timbers said there were people who approved the law, since it gave protection to persons who install plumbing, just as hydro inspection protects the homeowners.

Clerk Charlie Hoover was instructed to draft a new bylaw as an appendix to the building bylaw, and which if adopted will also cancel the present plumbing regulations set up by last year's council.

Council decided to call for tenders for 10,000 yards of gravel, 4,000 of which is to be delivered on the roads, and 6,000 in township trucks at the pit. The official adv. will be found in this paper.

Mrs. Florence Midgley, of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Birkett on Sunday.

my right side with my finger near the trigger ready for the dog."

She said the dog's teeth were bared and it was about 35 feet away when she fired from the hip without taking aim.

"You can't aim a gun from the hip," she said.

190,000 Trees Planned For Spring Planting

Close to two hundred thousand seedlings will be planted this spring at Vivian forest, or on properties belonging to the County of York and mostly located in the Township of Whitechurch. This is the approximate number the Department of Forestry has added to the forest annually for five years.

As is to be expected the trees planted will mostly be pines, although a few other varieties will be put in. There will be 6,000 ash, 12,000 poplar, 1,000 locust, 15,000 red oak, and 15,000 larch, also 10,000 small hemlock, hickory and perhaps other species.

In the pine class it is expected that planting will be 30,000 white pine, 40,000 Scotch, 30,000 Jack, 45,000 red pine. According to information received by this paper from a departmental forester, not all the trees will be planting are just the most desirable, but they are all very good. With the tremendous demand, it is not possible to obtain some of the varieties in larger numbers. However, all the trees will be welcomed regardless of what kind of pine they will produce, and each have its special market value.

Planting usually starts around the 10th of May, but by the feel of the weather during the past four weeks this date could be changed to a later one, said the forester.

Coal Famine in Town Limit Two Bags To a Customer

In an effort to stretch out the limited amount of coal in town last week dealers hit on the plan of doling it out two bags to a customer, and only supplying those who had empty bins. At that on Saturday there just wasn't a bag of coal available at Stiver Bros., or through Central Feeds owned by Elmer Daniels.

Stouffville Co-Op was down to a bit of coal reported to be under snow, hence all three dealers were unable to do anything for customers who had to shop wherever they could get a bit of fuel.

With near zero weather, some persons turned to burning wood, others were able to salvage a bit from neighbors, while one business place obtained a ton of mixed varieties from Claremont Co-Op. The situation, desperate for some days, was relieved early in the week when dealers were able to obtain limited supplies from the docks in Toronto again.

MARION FORESTER WON ONTARIO ORATORICAL

Marion Forester, Blackwater, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forester, won the oratorical contest for Ontario County at Port Perry High School on Tuesday. Marion's mother is a daughter of Mr. Jesse Cober of Stouffville, while her father is a former Markham resident. Next Sunday afternoon, March 26, Marion will repeat her winning speech over the Oshawa radio station CKLB beginning at 4.30 p.m.

The title of the address is, "What could happen to me, if I took that Drink."

At an Oddfellows euchre held last Thursday night in Stouffville there were 22 tables taking part. Winners were Mrs. Edw. Williams, Mrs. Henry Slack, Mr. Orval Burton, Don Cadieux.

HOCKEY TICKET REFUNDS

Any person holding tickets for last Friday night's Senior hockey game between Markham and Stouffville, and who was unable to attend because of weather conditions, may have the tickets refunded by presenting same at the ticket agent where they were purchased.

No refunds will be paid later than this Saturday, Mar. 25th. The Arena Management also wishes it understood, that while an exception is being made in this case, in future there will be no refund made on tickets not used.

Lions Club To Hold Easter Carnival

Stouffville Lions Club will sponsor an Easter Carnival at the Arena on Wednesday, April 5th. Plans are going ahead for a varied program of entertainment headed by an opening act by Roland & Hartley, well-known professional comic and trick-skating team.

There'll be skating for everyone, children's costume prizes, prizes for the oldest and youngest person on skates and the largest family on skates, and in addition ten lucky cash prizes in which both skaters and spectators will share.

The Stouffville young people who brought honors to town in the recent Skate Derby in Toronto, will be recognized, and the Stouffville Hockey Club will use the occasion to present their Bill Ball Trophy.

The program will wind up with a dance on the ice with music by the Legionaires.

Mrs. Andrew Kerr, patient in the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, died here on Sunday in her 90th year. Her husband predeceased her some years, but surviving is a son Walter Kerr of Ashburn. Interment was made in Ashburn cemetery on Tuesday.