

Saw Queen in Nigeria Writes Former Gormley Storekeeper

During the month of February, a state visit was made to Nigeria by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. During the course of the Royal Tour, the party visited a host of smaller villages and settlements.

Mrs. Chas. Milsted recently received a letter from the Alan Doners, who were in charge of the Gormley store and post office prior to embarking for Nigeria, and life in missionary work. Part of the letter from Mrs. Doner follows:

"The Queen was given a royal welcome in Nigeria but now she is safely back in England. We heard the radio broadcast of her home-coming. They were an hour late because of engine trouble in Tripoli. We noticed, too, that 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 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.

The Queen surely didn't have much time to rest. Her days started at 9 a.m., then she had lunch at 1.30. 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 p.m. 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 dress. Most of them are Mohammedans. They thought she saw them all as she seemed to look around at everything.

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 get 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!"

When we were in Ibadan we drove around just to see the decorations and they were really wonderful. It makes you feel that something great has taken place. Above the bigger stores they had large pictures of the Queen and sometimes 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.

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 5.20 a.m., I got Dale bathing and fed, and 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 University College. There were quite a few Africans across the corner from us and some where we were, too, 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 had 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 say 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, had a very good comprehension of English. He said it took 1, three-ton trucks to bring the Queen's loads and those in the party to Ibadan. It was a worthwhile day, but we were tired.

How Europe Applies Science To The Farm

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Holland and Denmark stand out well in the lead in yield per acre of grain, hay and livestock. Both countries today practise scientific farming more effectively than any other. Land in both the countries is relatively flat and in many sections the soil is particularly good. There are, however, other areas where the soil is far from satisfactory, so that the average high yield per acre recorded cannot be attributed to soil or climate.

The writer visited Holland and Denmark on two separate occasions, four years apart. The purpose of the visits was to determine the reason for the high agricultural productivity. The population of Holland is about ten million and that of Denmark five million. The climate in these two countries is similar to that of Southern Ontario.

Three main factors have contributed to the extraordinary accomplishments in Holland and Denmark:

1. Agricultural education—so effective and extensive that it reaches into every farm home in the country.
2. A large and effective advisory service, adequately supported by research institutes, experimental farms, pilot farms and demonstration fields.
3. An Agricultural Federation operated by farmers that gives a large measure of support and to an increasing degree guides the research and experimental policy of the two countries.

The methods employed vary with each country. In Holland the education system while similar to that practised in Canada, is far more intensive, starting with the young farmers and continuing through the training of agricultural scientists. In Denmark, the training of the agricultural scientists is the responsibility of the State but the training of the farm youth, either at boarding schools, folk high schools or agricultural high schools is the responsibility of the communities these schools serve, with 28 agricultural colleges training some 25 hundred pupils. Direction and operation of these colleges is the responsibility of the local Boards. In addition, some ninety thousand pupils attend night classes during the winter.

Practical farm experience is considered most important in both countries and young people wishing to enter agricultural schools or hold any important post, must have several years training on a good farm. Agricultural education is held in high esteem in these two European countries.

In both countries the Farmers' Federation has a very definite and important part in the direction of schools, colleges, research centres and farms. This is particularly true in Denmark where farmers make up the majority of Boards. At the same time, these Farmers' Federations contribute substantial amounts to the operating fund of the majority of the institutes and the many advisory services. The farmers are concerned also with the quality control as well as economic and research programmes. Government financial contributions do not in any way allow for State control.

In both Holland and Denmark farm enterprises do not operate with subsidies, their philosophy being that good cultural practice is better than State support. In either country there is no arbitrary control of the farmers but through demonstrations and persuasion they are encouraged to adopt new scientific methods of farming.

To illustrate what extensive scientific application has accomplished in Holland and Denmark the following are a few personal observations.

Holland

During the last four years there has been a very marked increase in the amount of grass cut for drying, pressing and sil-

QUEEN WILL OPEN ATOMIC POWER STATION

The Queen will officially open Britain's first full-scale nuclear power station at Calder Hall in Cumberland, on 17th October, when it will be connected with the National Grid System of the Central Electricity Authority. Britain will thus become the first country in the world to have Atomic Generators feeding energy into the National Electricity Supply System.

Calder Hall is the world's largest atomic power station. It will supply 92 megawatts of electricity and produce plutonium as a by-product for use at the neighbouring atomic plant

aging. A breed of sheep has been developed that average 1.88 lambs per year. Strains of fruit trees are under governmental control. Nurseries receive their strains from experimental stations.

Practically all new orchards of apples and pears are dwarf trees as it is claimed that the yearly bearing makes it more economical than planting normal size trees.

Denmark

Over 75 per cent of all cows are bred by artificial insemination. There are twenty-two progeny testing stations where the quantity and quality of milk produced from heifers is determined in order to build up the average milk production.

The same type of progeny control is practised with swine and other livestock, so that even though the present average production is at a high level, it is anticipated that this in the two countries.

Four Altona Girls are Awarded 4-H Pins on Achievement Day

4-H Homemaking Club members from Ont County showed that they have the answer to that everlasting problem—"What Shall I Wear?" when they held their Achievement Day recently at the High School in Uxbridge. A number of pins, certificates and prizes were awarded for the completion of various projects.

The major part of the project consisted of making a blouse. In addition, each girl studied wardrobe planning, learning that clothes should be selected from the standpoint of suitability to the person in the figure, harmony of design and texture.

On Achievement Day the girls exhibited their blouses and wardrobe or costume charts. They judged a class of blouses and one of costume charts. They were also required to select, from a number of blouse materials, one that would be suitable to wear with the skirt materials and styles displayed.

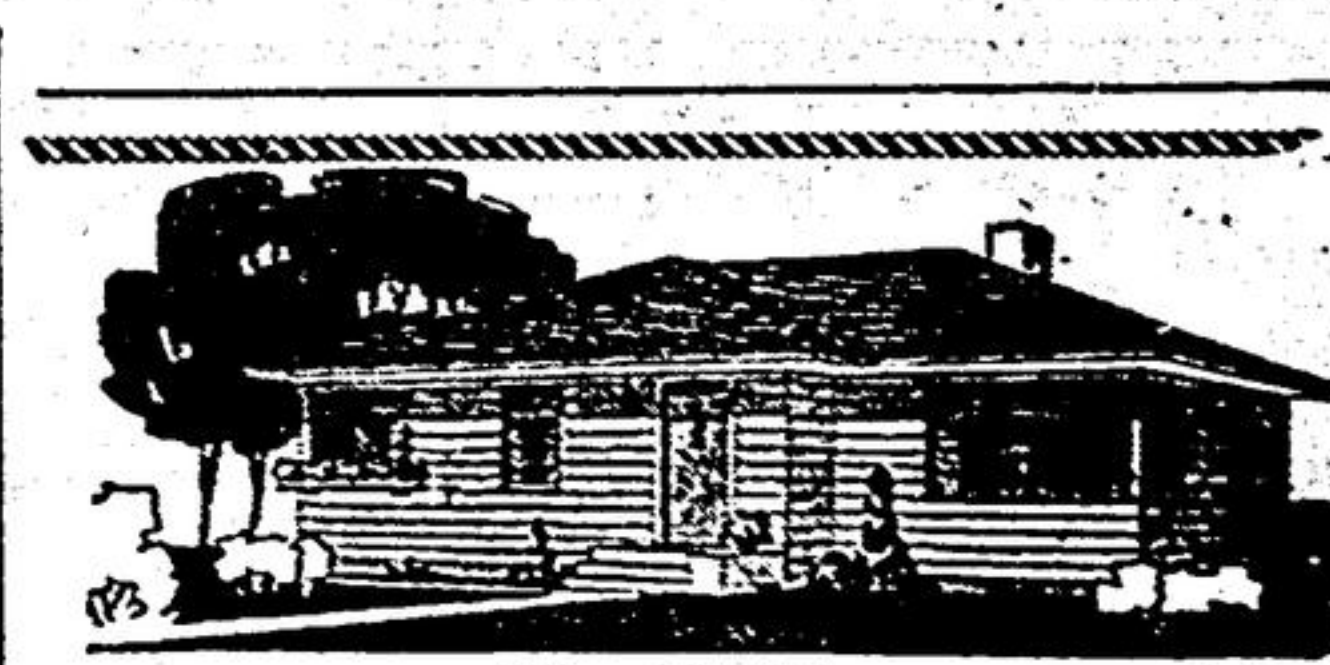
Six clubs prepared exhibits on such topics as "A Well Planned Costume for Certain Occasions," and "Good Lines in Dress for One Type of Figure." Commenting on these exhibits were Roberta McLroy, Beaver-ton; Carol Shier, Quaker Hill Club; Marjorie Cowan, Altona Club; Marian Gray, Udney;

Betty Wallace, Sunderland; and Thelma McEachern, Scugog. Skits and demonstrations were also presented. Topics included "A Planned Shopping Trip", "What Colours Should I Wear", and "How to Plan a Wardrobe". On completion of six projects, seven girls received County honours. Mrs. Earl Ward, Blackwater, District President of Ont. North Women's Institute, presented certificates and pins to these girls. They included Janet McTavish, Quaker Hill Club; Donna Samells, Scugog; Donna Smith, Beaverton; Marjorie Cowan, Charlotte McNair, Kathleen Betz and Evelyn Whitty, all of the Altona Club.

Two local leaders received leadership award certificates from the Canadian Council for having been a leader for five years. Mrs. Clifford Ross, of Beaverton, and Miss Margaret Marquis, Sunderland, were recipients of this award.

Silver teaspoons were awarded to all club members who had completed the project satisfactorily. In addition, the local leaders were presented with teaspoons in recognition of their contribution to club work. Clubs with their leaders were as follows:

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O. H. Bagg, Beaverton; Brougham—Mrs. C. Wannop, Brougham; and Mrs. G. Holthby, Brougham; Scugog—Mrs. S. Ploughman, Port Perry; Mrs. R. Pickard, Port Perry; Quaker Hill—Mrs. Turner Forsythe, Uxbridge; Mrs. Edwin Noble, Uxbridge; Sunderland—Miss M. Marquis, Sunderland; Mrs. L. Keeler, Sunderland; Udney—Mrs. Lloyd Wood, Udney. A local leader training school for the spring project, "The Cereal Shelf" was held on Mar. 13th and 14th at the Sunderland Township Hall.

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