

Fern Doner, R.N.

**Writes from Vietnam**

By Evelyn Milsted GORMELY — Mr and Mrs Harold Doner received a letter from their daughter Miss Fern Doner R.N. who has gone to do relief nursing in Vietnam. Here is part of her letter. "The drums in the background is the music accompanying a sacrifice to keep the spirits away. It's taking place in the house behind us—everyone is sitting around drinking rice wine. We came to Bannmethuot, June 29 via a DC-4 Air America plane. I thought it was some craft but it was nothing compared to the one we changed to—a little De Havilland Caribou cargo plane that holds about 20 people. We sat on canvas seats along the sides with the baggage strapped in the middle. I am staying with Mrs Betty Mitchell and her family. Her husband Archie Mitchell is one of the captive missionaries. Mrs. Mitchell lives in the middle of the Ralay tribal village. None of the missionaries have lived on the mission



Fern Doner, R.N. of Gormely has volunteered as a relief nurse in the war zone area of Vietnam.

compound since the houses were destroyed and the occupants slain in 1968. The house is wood with cement floors. There is no

electricity. There is plumbing though. There are no screens on the windows and we sleep under a mosquito net. The soil is very red because of the high iron content and is also very gummy. On Wednesday two army doctors took us on a tour of a provincial hospital that they supervise. It was very interesting but overcrowded and dirty. It depressed me. We also saw an underground evacuation hospital where they bring in wounded soldiers and keep them until they can be flown to Japan or to United States. We had dinner at the Officers' Mess Hall. That was a riot because we were the only girls of course and the G.I.'s haven't seen an American girl for ages. We got a lot of stares and whistles. After that the two doctors (one a major and one a captain) and other G.I. took us in the army jeeps out to a small village where a cross-gow maker lives. Saigon has very noisy traffic. We go to sleep and wake up to pigs squealing, dogs barking, roosters crowing, drums sometimes, the community radio and artillery fire and army trucks. We didn't hear any firing in Saigon but here in Bannmethuot it's accepted as everyday routine. The first night it bothered me but now it doesn't. It would probably if it were closer. Most of the fighting is in Cambodia, right now.

Mr and Mrs Metro Sudeyko and Mr and Mrs Gerald Sudeyko attended the wedding of Miss Wanda Stone and Mr Walter Sudeyko in New Toronto on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs Charles Milsted and Carleen were guests at the wedding of Miss Ann Orr and Mr Ronald Parlane at People's Church in Willowdale Saturday. Miss Orr has been a missionary in Nigeria and they will be returning to Nigeria in November.

Mr and Mrs Metro Sudeyko visited Mr and Mrs Harry Sudeyko at Malton, Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Gordon Dailley (Sara Gibson, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.L. Gibson of Gormley) married Tuesday in Richmond Hill United Church.

Mr John Evans had a steer killed by lightning in the severe electric storm.

Mrs. Dorothy Wideman and family have returned from a motor trip to the West Coast.

Mr and Mrs Harry De Mille have moved from the house on Evans' Turf Farm to Lockport near Colborne.

Miss Karen Wilson of Scarborough is spending three weeks with her cousins Kime and Tracey Wilson.

Mr and Mrs Jack Wright and family have returned from a week's holidays at St. Ola.

Miss John Hawkins was admitted to Scarboro Centenary Hospital Sunday for surgery.

Miss Lois Dart of Hampton is holidaying with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Alfred Mohl.

Mr and Mrs. Noble was a guest at the wedding of Miss Cheryl Hider and Mr Ian Hemsied in Donlands United Church, Toronto.



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Three years ago, Mrs Wm. Paisley, conc. 6, Whitchurch, planted two regal lily bulbs in a flower garden near the front of their farm home. This summer, they produced ninety blooms, 50 on one and 40 on another. —Jas. Thomas.

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**Windshield broken by stone**

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville—Police have questioned two juveniles after a stone was thrown through the windshield of a car proceeding along Main Street, July 7.

Mr. Wm. Crozier, Scarborough, reported that he was westbound on Main near the intersection of Victoria Street when the stone was thrown at his car, striking and breaking the front windshield. The replacement value of the glass is approximately \$100.

Chief Orland Keating told The Tribune that charges are pending in the incident.

**Markham resident 50 years**

MARKHAM — Albert Richard Lewis, a resident here for fifty years, passed away on Wednesday, July 8. He was in his 95th year. The funeral on Friday was conducted from the Dixon Funeral Home by Rev. Emerson Knowles of Bolton, a nephew. Interment was made in Erskine Cemetery.

The deceased was born in Scarboro Township and came to Markham about 1920. He farmed here for many years and established a dairy business in connection with the farm during the 1930's. Mr. Lewis was an enthusiastic church worker, both in the Methodist and United Churches and occupied many of the church offices, including Sunday School superintendent. He also played in the Malvern Band for many years.

Mrs. Lewis, the former Margaret Chester, predeceased her husband nine years ago. He is survived by two children, Carman in Markham, and Audrey (Mrs. Donald Webster) Willowdale. There are also two grandchildren and one great grandchild. A sister, Mrs. Lorne Perkin who is 91, resides in Toronto.

**Mr. Fred McRoberts Eighty-nine on June 21**

Mrs Wm. Sandle VICTORIA SQUARE — Congratulations to Mr Fred McRoberts on the occasion of his 89th birthday, July 21.

Please note the church will be closed from July 26 to August 30.

On Monday evening, July 20, a miscellaneous shower will be held in the Community Hall in honor of Dianne Donnelly and Murray Hanna to be married in August. Please accept this as your invitation.

On Friday evening, July 24, a miscellaneous shower will be held in the Community Hall in honor of Ann Binnington and Bill Boyd, to be married later this summer. Please accept this as your invitation.

We are sorry Lois Draper's name was omitted last week from the ladies softball item. Lois is assisting Muriel Mortonson with the coaching. On July 8, the Victoria Square ladies played the ladies team from Headford winning 18-14. On July 10, the Victoria Square ladies played a game in the park against a men's team comprising their husbands with the ladies winning 30-18. There were 53 children in attendance at the playground program in the Park July 8. There is still room for more. The playground is held every Wednesday during July and August from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mr and Mrs Dalton Rumney, Mr and Mrs Philip Rumney spent Friday evening with Mrs Phil Rumney's parents, Mr and Mrs R. Healey at Brooklin, visiting cousins who are here from Hartfordshire, England.

Rev. and Mrs. Martin Jenkinson were guests at the wedding of Miss Kendra Lawson and Mr Robert Letley in King City United Church Saturday.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr and Mrs Lawrence Boynton, married 15 years, July 16; to Mr and Mrs Donald Nichols, married six years, July 18; to Mr and Mrs Douglas Kemp, (Karen Chadwick) married one year July 19. Peggy Leitch and Betty Sandle are spending six

weeks of their vacation working at the Thornhaven Playground, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Paul Charlebois, Weston, Mr and Mrs Ray Proulx, Toronto, had Sunday evening dinner with Mr and Mrs Ralph Boynton.

Sunday visitors with Mr and Mrs Clarence Steckley were Mr and Mrs Kim

Ward, Oshawa, and Terry MacDonald of Richmond Hill.

Miss Nancy Hardy, of Toronto, Mrs Faye Wills are spending two weeks in Bermuda.

Master Vincent Wills is spending two weeks with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Harding Wills at Jordon, Ontario. Newlyweds, Mr and Mrs

James Woodward, (Barbara Empringham) have returned from their honeymoon spent camping in the Maritimes and Quebec. They are living in Newmarket.

Mr and Mrs Don Boynton, and girls attended a family re-union at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Stephenson at Willowdale, Sunday.

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