

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

Continued

(Excerpts from letters received from flying Officer Archie J. Johnstone, of Burlington F. E. I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship, continued from a previous issue.)

"Dechmont Farm, Cambuslang, near Glasgow, Scotland. A little over ten years ago I was at a party one evening at Eaglesham not far from here when I met a young farmer, in fact the only farmer out of Britain's 500,000 that I met when over here. He is Andrew Hamilton and our present host. Strangely when talking to William Cairns, he said in words to this effect: "When over there, there's one farm you shouldn't miss, Andrew Hamilton's."

"You mean Andrew at East Kilbride?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied.

"Mains Farm?"

"How did you know?"

"Met him at a party. In fact he asked me to go to stay with him on my next leave and he would take me over to see Sir Harry Lauder a friend of his father."

I never did manage to get to Andrew's at that time, but Fred and I met when over here for a few days. Another coincidence is that Andrew was a Nuffield student in America three years ago on a similar scholarship to our own. His stay in Canada was unfortunately a short one, but he did gain a lot of knowledge in the U.S.A. about farming and conditions there in general; judging by his slides he didn't confine his activities to farming entirely.

The weather is running a close parallel to that of the spring of 1954, in that the month of April was warm and sunny that year and May came in cold, windy and wet, just as it has this year. It started with rain this morning again but has since turned to snow flurries and in general very penetrating cold type of weather. The crops which have been two to four weeks behind this year anyway are being still further retarded by the wet, cold weather but the grass appears thick and lush in the fields. As Andrew says "a dripping May brings large crops of hay."

Andrew is a bit of a poet himself and has taken to improving on Burns on occasion, or at least bringing Burns up to date. For instance To A Mouse: Down about the fifth or sixth line, instead of Burns' tender ministrations and assurance that the mouse had little to fear we find A. Hamilton has inserted this: This thing I have, it is a tractor. And sings I am not your benefactor. You'll need to run a wee bit faster.

Or else there will be a hell of a disaster.

Sunday evening on our arrival we found ourselves invited out to another farmer's for dinner. These people, Mr. and Mrs. George Gilmore operate a very up to date farm of about 360 acres.

They have a herd of Ayrshire cattle totaling 270, of which 110 are milch cattle. They produce all their own roughages and set aside approximately one hundred acres annually for the production of grass silage. The grass lands that we saw there are exceptionally thick and capable of producing a heavy yield of silage. Mr. Gilmore uses a make of forage harvester, known as a Silorator, costing about \$900. It is quite satisfactory, except when the grass is very damp and there has been some trouble with the knives disintegrating on contact with stones.

Andrew married last November and he and his wife are living on Dechmont Farm, which they have recently acquired. He has formed a limited stock company with his brother and a total of about five hundred acres, known as A. and J. Hamilton East Kilbride. They started five years ago with a production of about 80 gals. of milk and are today producing approximately 250. In another two years they envision a total production of nearly 500 gals. They also expect to carry nearly one animal unit per acre eventually.

The daffodils are past their best but are still making a brave showing under the trees in the Botanic Gardens, Conservatories and Winter Gardens, Great Western Road. The rhododendrons are just beginning to bloom and some of the earlier ones are in almost full bloom, despite the unseasonable weather and snow flurries. The winter gardens contain a pool and many highly coloured orange pond fish. Apart from the pool the whole grass structure is almost a complete mass of bloom and foliage, much of which appears tropical. Set here and there among the greenery and colour are beautiful statuary in gleaming white, adding much to its attractiveness.

Unfortunately the Municipal Buildings in George Square were closed to visitors when we arrived and only a portion of the building was accessible to us. It is doubtful if there is a more beautifully appointed interior in the British Isles, although the Italian marble may have been used more extensively in certain other buildings. I have been to numerous dances there, but have almost forgotten the details of the building but am hoping to refresh my memories soon.

"Solving crime is not nearly as romantic as books would have us believe," we were told by Chief Police Inspector Charles McNeill of the Glasgow Police Headquarters, when we visited him in his office at St. Andrew's Square. To catch a criminal is just plain ordinary hard work and don't let this fellow Fabian of the Yard as he calls himself or anyone else tell you otherwise. "I had read Fabian's 'London After Dark' and it isn't difficult to figure out what the police think of that."

We had thought to spend only a few minutes with the Chief Inspector, who incidentally is a bro-

ther of Mrs. Alfred MacKay of Graham's Road, P. E. I. but he offered to conduct us through the several departments of the building, where we were to see things which we shan't quickly forget. Before I go farther, I should add that Mrs. MacKay has a sister, who was the former Mayoress of Birmingham and still another sister, wife of a clergyman in Kelso. Most of us from the Kensington area know Mrs. MacKay's singing, particularly "I belong to Glasgow" which was never better from Will Fyfe himself.

First the finger print files, where we were shown how they are classified and indexed, a system which curiously enough originated in India. Then how fingerprints are taken on the scene of the crime. We tried our own and spread on the red powder, which brought them out very clearly on the surface of a white paper on which they were completely invisible prior to the application of the proper chemical. We then saw into a room filled with broken glass, hand bags and a miscellany of other items, most of them rubbish. "Evidence to be used in cases coming up," he said. There was a long line of negatives hung up to dry on a line in one of the dark rooms. These were the police photos of the people arrested during the day. If the person brought to trial is acquitted and has had no previous criminal record, then these pictures are destroyed, otherwise they are carefully filed away.

We had a long conversation with the Chief Inspector about Inter-Continental police work and methods employed but when it came to telling us how espionage is handled and the counter methods used, he could tell us little or at least would tell us little.

He obtained the key to the Police Museum, explaining in detail the numerous items displayed there. Of special interest are the bank notes counterfeited by the German Government in an effort to wreck the economy of Great Britain, the latter part of World War II. These notes are remarkably good, as good as photography can make them, but to the expert they lack the detail present in the real thing. Other efforts shown in the cases varied from good to amateurish and could easily be detected as fraudulent in many cases. One rather ingenious chap had printed the face of the notes on thin paper and glued the two pieces back to back with the faces out. Apart from a slight discrepancy in color and the lack of a fine aluminium strip, which he drew in with a pencil they appear quite authentic, not forgetting the fine lines which were missing also. Still another had carved dies for stamping out bank notes in slate. With ability like these slate stamps showed, he had clearly missed his calling when he entered the criminal field as he might have been a genius, instead of doing time.

In the field of ballistics we examined cartridges under high powered lenses and were told that no two guns leave the same imprint on the bullet. Sometimes it is in the rifling, sometimes the way the barrel is worn and many other reasons enter in, to aid the expert and catch the criminal. At another table a paper was being examined, which bore the imprint of the marks made.

Elmsdale

—Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault of Middleton were recent visitors with Mrs. Arsenault's grandmother, Mrs. John Burke and uncle, Mr. Roland Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. Harry Wells were visitors to the mainland last week.

Mr. Terrace Whelan of Montreal, who spent a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aeneas Whelan, Kildare, was a guest at the home of James O'Brien on Friday.

Mrs. Bruce Currie has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Currie in Summerside.

Miss Helen Burke arrived on Saturday, June 18, from Toronto to spend her holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. John Burke and Mr. Roland Burke.

Miss Olive Matthews of Toronto, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Matthews.

Mrs. Basil MacNeill and son, Mr. Thane MacNeill motored from Toronto arriving on Saturday to spend a vacation with relatives on the island.

The June meeting of the Elmsdale Women's Institute was held on June 9 at the home of Mrs. J. W. O'Brien. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Barrett.

Dr. Lloyd MacKenzie and bride of Grace Bay, Nova Scotia, were recent guests of the doctor's grandmother, Mrs. John Burke, and his uncle, Mr. Roland Burke.

Among the first U. S. tourists are Mrs. Carl Brennan, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Nickerson, Mass., who arrived last week by car to spend holidays with their brother and sister, Mr. Douglas Brennan and Mrs. Lottie Forsythe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Brien had as guests on Sunday, June 19, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCarville of South Freetown, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melvor, Mr. and Mrs. William Proffitt, Master Ronnie and Miss Sheila of Summerside.

Rev. Pius Murnaghan, Miss Marie Murnaghan, and Miss Peggy Morrison all of Grand River were visitors to Elmsdale on Wednesday, June 15.

Congratulations and best wishes are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Adams on their marriage, on Saturday, June 11. The groom is

Bedeque Notes

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. MacInnis left on June 17 for a visit with relatives and friends in Halifax. They will be absent a week.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. E. Walwyn, Toronto, were visitors to Bedeque over the weekend of June 19.

Rev. J. K. Campbell, North Bedeque, is attending a special course of study at the Garrett Institute, near Chicago. He will be absent for a month.

Mr. Hammond Affack has returned to his home after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital for several days.

Miss Winnie Schurman, Charlottetown, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leard last week.

Mr. Gordon MacCallum and daughter, Joyce, Charlottetown, were weekend visitors with relatives in Bedeque and vicinity. Miss MacCallum was the guest soloist at the service in the United Church on June 19.

Dr. and Mrs. Simms and their three children left on Sunday morning for a week's vacation with relatives and friends in Nova Scotia.

The service in the United Church here on June 19 was largely attended. The pastor, Rev. George K. Ward, based his sermon on Matthew 7:24. It was specially for the Sunday school. The theme was "Building for tomorrow." The importance of the Sunday school in the life of the Church was stressed. The Bedeque Sunday school has a membership of over 120.

Among the graduates of Falconwood Hospital is Miss Eliza Affleck of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoggood, Summerside, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Weeks, Bedeque, on June 19.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams of Elmsdale, and the bride was the former Miss Dorothy Smith of Alberton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Smith.

The sympathy of a host of friends is being extended to the bereaved family of the late Mrs. Joseph Doyle of Glengarry Lot 7, whose death took place in Western Hospital on Friday, June 17.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in the Elmsdale United Church on Wednesday, June 22, when Rev. McDowell united in marriage, Miss Pauline Coughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Coughlin and Mr. Donald Hardy, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Watson Hardy.

The O'Brien Road Women's Institute entertained the Elmsdale Women's Institute at a social evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. McKenna on Wednesday June 22. Games and contests were much enjoyed and a surprise was the climax of the evening when an "unexpected couple" arrived, causing much merriment. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by the ladies, and a most enjoyable evening came to a close. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. McKenna and all Institute members, by the President of the Elmsdale W. I. Mrs. Alvin Wilkie.

Locke Road

The many friends of Alce Cullcutt will be sorry to hear that he was not feeling well and his family called in the doctor to visit him on Tuesday June 14th.

Mrs. Edward Griffin, the teacher of Forest View School, closed her school for the year on Friday, June 17th, and treated the children with ice-cream and cake.

The meeting of the Howlan Ste. Anne Club for the month of June was held on Tuesday, June 14th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault of Howlan. There was a large attendance of members and a neat sum of money was realized.

Ralph Harris who is employed at the bank in O'Leary visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. True-

Shower Bride- To Be At New Haven

On Tuesday evening, June 14th, a large crowd of relatives, friends and neighbors, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Buchanan to tender a shower for the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View were visitors on Monday evening, June 13th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters and Mrs. Bennett Peters of Bloomfield.

Dr. Dewar of O'Leary was called on Monday evening to visit Henry Gallant of Forest View, who is ill at his home. All hope for Henry is a speedy get-well.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alban Arsenault of Howlan were: Colo Arsenault and his son, Bob of Cascumpec and Lem of Alberton on Sunday afternoon, June 12th.

Mrs. Edward Griffin of Burton, came back to Forest View on Monday morning to resume her work as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rix of the Locke Road were in O'Leary on Monday, June 13th.

Edward Griffin and daughter, Penny of Burton on Monday, June 13th motored to Bloomfield, Forest View and O'Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters and Mrs. Bennett Peters of Bloom-

er to Miss Vivian MacPherson, Miss Nan MacKinnon accompanied Vivian to a nicely decorated chair, after which Mr. Lloyd MacPhail called the gathering to order and made a few humorous and complimentary remarks.

He then called on Lois MacEachern and Drucilla MacPhail to carry in the heavily laden basket of gifts. Mrs. Stanley Newman read the accompanying message as Nan MacKinnon and M. Foster MacKinnon arranged the presents on the table. The gifts were numerous and a nice sum in cash was also received by the bride. Vivian very graciously expressed her thanks to everyone for all the lovely gifts and invited all to visit her at her new home.

A beautiful lunch was served by the ladies and all wished their way home after wishing Vivian many years of happiness.



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