



YOUTHFUL SHOE TOSSERS

They start tossing horseshoes at an early age at the Brighton Horseshoe club. Pictured above are five of the youthful enthusiasts: (l. to r.) Allie Woolridge, Donnie Woolridge, Frankie McCourt, Duky Briston and Billy McAnnis. Brighton club officials are planning a big Centennial meet this coming Thursday August 11. Teams from Kensington and Summerside R.C.A.F. have already signified

willingness to attend and one from the Town of Summerside is expected. A trophy has been donated for the winning team. To make the program an even bigger success a Scotch piper and an old-time fiddler will be on hand and also a step-dancing contest will be held. Len Phillips was the winner of the Jack McCourt Trophy in the elimination competition completed

at the club last evening. Phillip defeated Joe Gallant in the finals. Gallant advanced to the final round by virtue of his close win over Peter Pitre, who had 14 ringers in the 30 point game compared to Gallant's 13. The members of the Brighton Club will be going to Kensington tonight and are asked to meet at the clubhouse at 6 p. m. (Barter's Film Lab.)

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

Excerpts from letters received from Flying Officer Archie J. Johnson, of Burlington, P. E. I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship: continued from a previous issue.

From Ambleside, in the Lake District the election is over but the post-mortems continue. Generally speaking the British agriculturist seems to be quite happy with the decision of the nation. I suppose this is quite natural as every farmer worth the name is a capitalist and is notoriously individualistic. On the other hand we have been talking to some union and labour representatives who, though not surprised at the outcome of the election, are disappointed at not having come a little closer to the mark. It looks to me like the old fight between those who have and want to hold what they have and those who have not and want what the other chap has whether they deserve it or not, or whether they are willing to work for it or not.

However, much of the bitterness has disappeared and a new and better order seems to be shaping, which may well be a mixture of Socialism and Free Enterprise, consisting of some of the better ingredients of both. There are of course still some of the extremists remaining with the Bevanites on one side and the Churchillians on the other. In between lie the majority of the people and it is on these middle of the way folk that future Governmental policy is likely to depend in Great Britain.

What are they doing with all the wartime air fields and what are they like now that it has been all over for ten years? In order to satisfy myself about these questions I contacted the Commanding Officer of the station where our Squadron had been based. He was most co-operative and on our arrival asked if he might supply us with a guide. And yes, we could take all the pictures we liked. He asked us to drop into his office again before we left and we were off on a tour of inspection.

First of all certain areas of the station have been closed down and it resembles a ghost town for the most part. Here and there are some of the old signs and warnings about air craft, live ammunition, etc., but there wasn't an air craft in sight. A transport does land daily to bring in supplies but apart from that the once busy runways and perimeter track are deserted. The main runway being the only one serviceable. It is not known to any extent for some time to come as there are dozens of such dramas within a few miles, some of them are in use but many of them are deserted and semi-deserted. The Officer's Mess has been closed ever since the War, but I was allowed into the Sergeant's Mess for a look around. It is now bare as the Sahara, with not a stick of furniture, where once there was such activity and such parties. Although I was only on the Squadron a month and had only a taste of Squadron life, it was long enough to learn just what went on behind the scenes when there was a standdown or the operation over.

I can still visualize some of the parties there, with the Padre standing at the bar passing out the drinks to anyone interested. There were few that weren't and the dancing intermingled with laughter and horseplay. As most of the officers came too and some of the nicer waiters wouldn't be seen dead at a do in the Sergeant's Mess, most of the girls had to be imported from the local P. W. S. camps and of course the Land Army. I went over to the Nissen Huts, which were our homes and on whose walls the boys had chalked up a bonus for each raid completed. There were long rows of bombs over some of the beds, but over others there were pitifully few, before the chop mark had been marked in. Now I found our former homes invaded with the local farmer's poultry, running in one door and out the other. Oh well, they are far more suitable for poultry than human habitation at the best of times and are now being employed for production rather than destruction, which is at least encouraging.

At thirty it is amusing to reflect how old a man of that age

going over once more for me hell of it as they expressed it. Their bags were all packed and the telegrams sent, saying that they were on their way. We knew full well what the next telegram would be and its impact in the respective Canadian homes.

There is something depressing about viewing such scenes, which in your memory are places of great activity and excitement and now to find them virtually deserted can be a little disconcerting and you almost wish you hadn't come back at all. Having covered the airfield and station quite thoroughly Fred and I drove back for a final word with the Commanding Officer and as the petrol was getting low started out in search of some.

We stopped at an archaic pump a few miles along the road, where an elderly gentleman was labouriously tanking up his neighbours car. Finally we made him understand that we too wanted some petrol for he was very old and very deaf. As I was paying for it the old gentleman's son-in-law came along and asked us the obvious question. On learning where we came from, he mentioned that his niece was visiting him from Australia and that he would like us to meet her. To our surprise and hers too, she was the same girl to whom Miss Tylden had introduced to us in London, not two weeks before. They insisted that we stop to lunch and having nothing better to do we did so. During the meal something was said about Pat Nutt, my first host at which the Australian girl pricked up her ears and after a few questions confirmed Pat to be her cousin, but had never met him.

To carry sheer coincidence a step farther, Fred and I were on our way over to see the Nutt farm that afternoon so we invited her along to meet her English cousins. We found Pat busily engaged trying out a new sugar beet thinner, which is more or less automatic having being timed mathematically. In theory this method of thinning is supposed to be as good as doing it manually, but although Pat is well disposed toward the machine, he is going to have his men follow through and complete the job as the mechanical device is inclined to leave some bunches, which Pat, perfectionist that he is, cannot tolerate, in any operation at Carr House.

To be continued

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KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Msgr. William Becker's 30 years of service as a priest—39 of them at St. Clement's Roman Catholic Church here—were recognized by fellow priests of the Hamilton diocese. Msgr. Becker, now 81, is the first irremovable pastor in the diocese.

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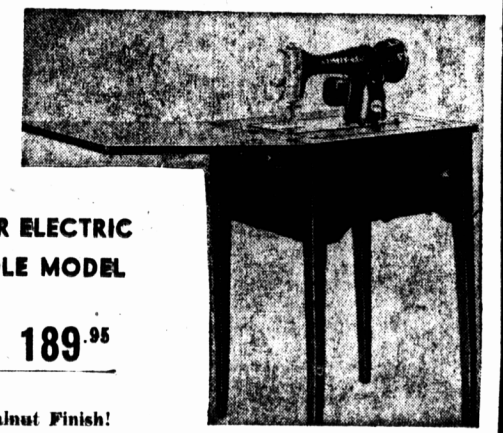
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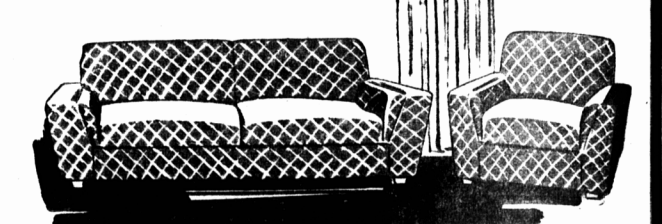
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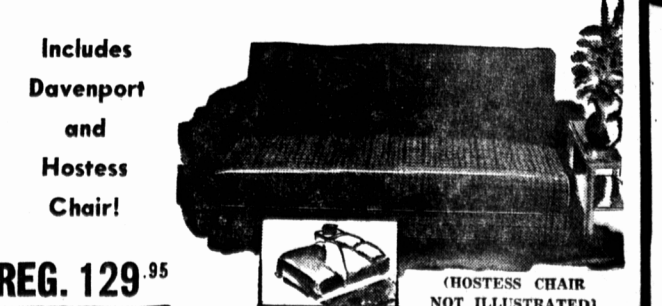
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