

Island Scout's Coronation Diary

By Queen's Scout W. D. Ives

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I am writing this report (No. 5) from the home of my "Pen Pal," Bill Douthwaite in Lancashire. On Thursday, June 4, the Troop started for the Tower of London.

On the way we stopped at the Monument, built by Sir Christopher Uben in 1666, commemorating the Great Fire, which started quite near the monument. The monument is 277 feet high and there are 311 steps arranged in circles all the way up. It makes one's head swim for a while.

In the grounds of the Tower of London we visited two of the armories, housing ancient weapons. These were very interesting, with the old armour such as swords, some as long as 6' and quite heavy; there were many guns of all descriptions, some battle-axes and guns, maces and guns, and many other odd combinations.

We went through many other buildings of interesting weapons. At 2.45 p. m. we were dismissed to do what we liked. I went to visit a fellow and his family, who was in Charlottetown from 1941 to 1944 with the R. A. F. He

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is Ft. Lt. Eddie Balmer at Northwood, Coastal Command. We had a long talk about many people of Charlottetown. Nothing destructive, I assure you.

In getting back to Roland House to meet the 10:30 curfew, I missed it by some 50 minutes, due to countless times of missing my train. When I got back I had to climb the 7-foot iron gate. Great fun at night with "Bobbies" around. It was alright as I didn't get caught.

Friday morning the Troop moved to our new camp site at Gilwell Park. This camp was started by Lord Baden-Powell for the training of Scoutmasters, in 1919. It is surrounded on three sides by Epping Forest. Epping Forest is a Game Reserve set aside by H. R. H. Queen Victoria, and not even our present Queen, Elizabeth the 2nd can hunt there. Behind the camp is the Lee-Enfield Arms Corporation testing grounds.

From 6 a.m. until 5 p.m. the machine guns and rifles are spitting and cracking. It is so loud at times we expected to find holes in our tents.

The "White House", of Gilwell Park has been standing since before the time of Cromwell. It was first used as a Monastery; and is now the home of the camp and assistant camp chiefs. It houses many of "B-P.'s" souvenirs and relics, almost as many as are in his room at Imperial Headquarters.

All day Saturday we lazed around camp, playing cards, soccer, no cricket, and just talking. In the evening most of the Troop went into the Borough of Chingford, to watch a fireworks display.

From what I hear from home it was almost the same as you had, with the exception that we had a walking elephant, in fireworks. One up on you on that one.

The Troop met the 11:30 curfew that night as we were tired from a day of "horsing around."

Sunday, June 7, was quite a day.

Two fellows who tried to catch a few extra "winks" of sleep, were very sorry for it.

The reason why is that the rest of the Troop "hauled" them from their sleeping bags and threw them in the swimming pool. The temperature had been about 40° all the day before and that night so you can imagine who the first ones were to be up in the morning, for the rest of the camp.

In the afternoon we went to Westminster Abbey for a Commonwealth Youth Service.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The service was very interesting with its many points.

The Abbey was still in its Coronation decorations. The walls were hung with drapes with crowns and olive branches on them and special seats for the Coronation service were installed. They were of blue velvet trimmed with gold cord and initialed, E II R in gold also.

In the Abbey we also saw, the Chair of St. Edward the Confessor, with the Stone of Scone beneath it, and the dias and chair on which Queen Elizabeth II was sitting for most of the Coronation service.

Monday afternoon we were dressed in our best uniforms, as we went to visit Lady Baden-Powell for tea.

Lady "B-P." had met some of the fellows before and she had a long talk with them and got to know the rest of us. She is a very charming lady and she offered to show us around her home at Hampton Court Place.

On Monday evening we went to

South Rustico And Vicinity

Miss Pauline Doucette and Miss Evelyn Gallant of South Rustico, spent Thursday, June 11, in Charlottetown.

St. Augustine's Church of South Rustico was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday morning, June 10, when Miss Rita Doiron and Mr. Reginald Blanchard, both of South Rustico, were united in marriage by Rev. Fr. Pitre. Miss Helen Gallant sang "Ave Maria" during Mass.

Mr. Henry Gallant of South Rustico spent the week end in Charlottetown, visiting with his sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Doucette, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Durant and their two children, St. Clair and Joan, of South Rustico, motored to Charlottetown on June 8, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mill. While there they also called on Mr. and Mrs. Jabey Mill, Jr., and also visited at the home of Mr. Oswald Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Angie DeRoche and son Alma and daughter, Mrs. Jean Roy, Mrs. Thomas Gallant and son Francis, all of Rumbold, Maine, motored to South Rustico to be present at the wedding of Miss Rita Doiron and Mr. Reginald Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Blanchard motored to Saint John, N. B. with Mr. Edward Blanchard, and proceeded on to the New England States by bus, where they plan to visit for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gallant, Mr.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Bark of paper mulberry (pl.)
- Leaf from the axil
- Catkin
- Small drum
- Human
- Godness of volcanoes
- Perform
- Turf
- Male cat
- Raise and contract the shoulders
- New Brunswick (abbr.)
- Footway
- To run off the rails
- Once more
- Grab
- Wading birds
- Shed blood
- Unknown god (Hinduism)
- Thin board of a barrd
- Constellation
- Mineral spring
- Finnish seaport
- A young sow
- Polished
- Relieves
- Banishment
- Breathes noisily in sleep

DOWN

- Indian (Colombia, S.A.)
- Biblical name
- Saucy
- Insect
- Stop (slang)
- Baronet (abbr.)
- Knock
- Incite
- Settle
- Quakee
- Nobleman
- Membership fees
- Front parts of legs below knees
- Loom-like bird
- Bundles
- Pertain-ing to fields
- Chinese, pagoda
- Trouble
- Snares
- Weaken
- Little valleys
- Too
- Atlit
- Strap for the waist
- Poems
- Thrice (mus.)
- Hewing tool
- Southeast (abbr.)

Yesterday's Answer

41. Strap for the waist
42. Poems
44. Thrice (mus.)
46. Hewing tool
48. Southeast (abbr.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, except the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

Y A M V M J C M V W L A H M V C N A
H T J W A H S T B M C Y T C Z I C J H T J
V F N B A W X T A A J A M V T C X H S M V A S
I C - V H S L F A

Yesterday's Cryptogram: HE WAS THE MOST UNPOPULAR OF THE STATESMEN OF HIS TIME—MACAULAY.

The Neighbors

By George Clark

"In the interests of national defense, shouldn't you let that sergeant go home and get some sleep?"

York and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Watts, York, paid a short visit to Black Harbor over the week end, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford.

Rev. Mr. Sproule left this week for a short holiday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Milton Vessey spent Friday, June 6th, at Union, as guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Gill.

Mrs. Harold Watts and daughter Elizabeth were the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Bradford, Black Harbor, over the week-end.

Mrs. Daniel Ready, York, spent the week-end at Bedford, the guest of her daughter.

Mr. Allen Brown spent Friday June 5, in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey were visitors to the city on Saturday June 6.

Mrs. Will Cook and daughter Elaine spent Saturday June 6 in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Hardy attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Tom Diamond, Winsloe, on Sunday June 7.

Messrs. Elmer Brown and Gordon Crockett spent Saturday June 6 in the city.

Miss Mary Watts spent a recent week-end at her home in York.

South Rustico And Vicinity

Raymond J. Doucette, Mr. John Gallant and his daughter Stella, of South Rustico, left by car June 10 for Montreal where they attended on June 13, the wedding of Miss Lauretta Doucette and Mr. Edward Gallant, former residents of South Rustico.

Many attended High Mass at St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, South Rustico, Tuesday morning, which was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Pitre for Queen Elizabeth II. Rev. Fr. Pitre spoke on the goodness of the Queen. "God Save the Queen" was sung at the closing of the Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin and son Gerard and Mr. Cyril Doucette of South Rustico were in Charlottetown last week on business.

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Misses Christine Proud and Kay Wood, teachers of York school, were visitors to the city on Saturday June 6.

Mrs. John Holdroy, Winsloe, spent Tuesday June 2 in York, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett.

Mrs. Fred Holman of Charlottetown was a visitor to York on Sunday June 14, when she visited her father, Mr. Eddy Vessey.

Mrs. Hubert Vessey has as her guest over the week-end, Mrs. G. Cook of Charlottetown.

Miss Ida Nelson of Calgary Alta., was a week-end visitor to York June 7. She was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Frank Watts and Mr. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown paid a short visit to the city on June 7.

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