

and a friend of his and his wife and by rearranging the furniture they were each able to have their own apartments. It was quite a ~~een~~ coincident that both wives conceived while in the house.

As the tenants were still in the house till the end of the month we settled down in one of Lorna's Moms flate. I will from now on refer to her as I have always done 'Mom'.

However we had to now consider a white Nanny for the children as Lorna very shortly was going to find herself very busy helping Mom with all sorts of things in connection with hotel, to be known as 'Weavers' now being built.

I have mentioned earlier about the two lots of cottages Quanza Terrace and Sndvic Terrace which the council had decided to buy so as to widen the Esplanade and to do this they ~~were-te~~ they demolished the two lots of wood and iron cottages. level the ground to the level of the street and after taking what ground was needed sell the rest. This surplus ground was to be auctioned and Mom had always said that she was going to buy Stickells corner as it was known and build a hotel. That is the Quanza Terrace portion. Well she did buy the ground for something just over £8000 and on this the hotel was to be built for a company 'Weavers Properties Pty.' of which there were to be two directors, myself with one share and Mom Weaver with the other 99. As the hotel neared completion, work had been started on it during the previous year- an application was made to the Licquor Licencing Board for a licence to trade. Well it was decided that the licence be in my name and so I attended the Board meeting at which our request was granted. So the name of C.G. Nettelton appeared over the bar door for about three years.

On our return the hotel was nearing completion and soon the interior fittings furniture, stove tables, chairs, carpets, beds and a hundred and one other things had to be purchased. The hot water system was up to date. From the boilers the water, working on a return system meant that no sooner did you turn on a tap than the water ran hot. Not as in some hotels where you have to wait some little while before getting hot water. This system not only meant immediate hot water but also a saving on water, no waste running off water. As it neared completion Staff had to be engaged, Receptionist, barman, cooks, housekeeper and many others for the hotel was fully booked for the Christmas season which commenced in December. Lorna now had to Moms right hand man, which meant she would be away from home a good deal during the day and hence the necessity for a white Nanny.

Mom was now a very busy woman, up at 6 A.M. and down to the Quanza swimming bath round which she swam twice and then up to her cottage to dress and into the kitchen by seven. Here she did a lot of her work apart to superintending the preparation of meals, bookings, typing, books, ordering of all the necessities food etc. menus to draw up. After breakfast Mom again went to her cottage to carry on with other work and then back to the kitchen for lunch. She always rested after lunch and then about five or so back to the kitchen. She was indeed a wonderful woman and a most popular lady. She and Weavers Hotel were well known throughout the country and so the name she built up is still maintained. Now and again a farmer from the Free State would walk into her spacious kitchen to greet her and many times they even joined her for a breakfast. One farmer said 'But why do you advertise?' and when she said she had to the farmer said 'Look we are you publicity agents. We talk of your fine hotel where there is excellent food and good service'. Mom's policy was and had always been ~~FEE-the~~ "FEED THEM".

Sing the head waiter who was engaged by Mom and is still there once said to me "To think that that dear old lady did all the work herself" and today look at the staff they have".

For a while we had a coloured domestic and nanny but it became

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necessary to get a  
white Nanny and as  
we could not get a  
suitable one locally  
Lorna wrote to her  
cousin, Mary Lintott,  
in Ipswich to try/