

paid me by cheque £150 as that was the estimated cost of repairing, but as no spare parts were available I decided to sell the car for scrap and for this I got £100. Now I had £250 towards a new car. Mom in her usual generous way unbeknown to me visited a garage with her sister Charlotte and bought for us a new Hillman car. This was some time after the accident so that for some time we had to either bus or walk. Well I used to go down to the hotel every afternoon taking with me the three tier workmans lunch carrier in which to bring back soup etc. This I used to carry in one of those carriers so as not to show. However one one occassion, the soup had evidently leaked out and soaked the paper. Well when I arrived at my destination I picked up the carrier and the three tier carrier dropped onto the floor of the bus. I tried to be as quick as possible before people noticed it. However it was noticed much to everyones amusement.

Well Mom eventually left the hotel but helped quite a lot with advice for which I must say they were very grateful

I know she was very sorry to leave the old place but she had done a wonderful job and now deserved a good rest. Mom retired to her cottage a short way up the street and began planning a trip overseas.

As I was now on pension we decided to bring Mark back to Selborne from Queens as this would be a saving.

When one goes on pension it is no good sitting down on you bottom and doing nothing. I had approached Mr. Middleton, manager of the Queenstown Board of Executors, suggesting that I should manage their travel department in their East London Branche. As they were the Union Castle Agents for travel I had had quite a lot to do with him and he welcomed my suggestion as he said I had very good connections and could increase their travel department earnings, They also had the airways agency. And so I duly started.

I found the work very interesting and certainly did increase their bookings. In Queenstown every year is held the second largest Agricultural show in South Africa and the following year Middleton asked me to attend the show. Well I went up to the show where he had widely advertised in the local papers that I would be in attendance. I must say I did very well and thoroughly enjoyed being among a lot of my old Selborne College farmer friends. The Miles-many of them as there many Forwards, Welshes, Murrays, Warrens, Prestons etc.

I must admit that I enjoyed far more the writing of my earlier days than the latter but anyway I must carry on for a few more years, Finish in the sixties.

The next big event was to be the overseas trip to be taken by Mom, Lorna and her sister Mrs Kirchmann. Now I must introduce you to Edy a very fine young lady a few years younger than Lorna. She married William Kirchmann the Principal of the Krugersdorp High School. They have three sons, Michael a quantity Surveyor but now has his own building contractors business in partnership with his brother Peter who is a very fine civil engineer, Before joining Michael Peter was the chief engineer on the bridge construction between the Transvaal and Richards Bay. The youngest, Paul, is a very smart civil electrical engineer who is now a big noise in the Computer world. All three are married and have fine children.

Edy's husband, Kirchie decided to take a trip overseas and so he went to England about a month before Mom. He was to join them in London. Well they eventually got away in the Edinburgh Castle, Lorna of course was allowed half fare, and were to spend about a month in London where they had booked accommodation. Here they had a very fine time and Mom not being able to get about easily they used a lot of taxis. On Sundays they had the same taxi and he took them for a couple of hours to various places of interest.

While they were away my Sister Madge was to come and stay with me and do the housekeeping and take care of the children etc.

Durin this time Madge, Mark, Annaliese and I went to Blanco a holiday

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