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## Happenings of The Week

The writer, Frederik Sand, who is well connected in circles close to the British Royal household, left his beat in Switzerland for a week-end in London to obtain this intimate preview of arrangements for the forthcoming Royal birth—the first baby of Princess Elizabeth.

Princess Elizabeth, proud of her London birth, wants her baby—due early in October—to be born in the British capital. The Princess will return from Balmoral Castle in Scotland with the rest of the Royal family at the end of this month. This is a desire of her mother's but in many speeches Princess Elizabeth has told the Scottish people that it is her special wish that London should be the baby's birthplace. Meanwhile preparations are going ahead at Buckingham Palace, the London home of the King and Queen.

A 100-year-old "Royal Baby" cot newly painted and upholstered in white satin was delivered last week. The cot was taken from a third-floor storeroom in Buckingham Palace a month or so back—rusty, old-fashioned four-poster cot—due since the birth of the late Duke of Kent, brother of King George VI. For sports and dress, there has been renewed and new drapings have been added in pure white at the Princess's own wish. She chose white rather than pink or blue, so that it would be suitable for a boy or girl.

Princess Elizabeth said that she would like the baby carriage to be white and her sister, Princess Margaret, had when they were babies. This has been sent from Windsor Castle to a London firm where it is now being upholstered in cream kid leather and the coachwork repainted in white.

Already prepared at the Palace is a nursery, and at Sunningdale, the Princess country home for the baby and nurses, a suite of rooms has been arranged. Here, I am told, the Princess will spend most of her time with the baby, and will go there a month or six weeks after the birth.

Princess Elizabeth is in good health and is spending her days quietly in Balmoral Castle. Following the wish of her gynaecologist, Sir William Gilliat, she is leading as natural and as unexciting a life as possible. She rises at her usual time goes for walks in the grounds of the Castle, reads and writes and sews clothes for the baby.

Court circles say that Princess Elizabeth is hoping for a boy, but will not be too disappointed if it is a girl. The Duke of Edinburgh, however, strongly hopes for a boy. Arrangements have already been made for the Home Secretary, Mr. C. E. D. Clark, to be present at the Palace. It will be his duty to see the baby, sign Royal documents, and prepare a statement for the public which is to be broadcast throughout the world.

Miss Elizabeth Sinclair, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Campbell has left for Montreal.

Mrs. J. E. R. MacEwen and Mrs. Ed D. Nicholson entertained yesterday at a smartly arranged luncheon bridge at Villa Waters.

Mrs. Edward Farnham Greene of Southport, Conn., was luncheon hostess yesterday, entertaining at the Charlottetown Hotel where she is a guest for several weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Lawson accompanied by her little grand-daughters, Kit and Carol, who were returning home, Mrs. Arthur Bruce and Mrs. J. S. McDonald left over the week-end for Halifax. On the return trip they toured the South Shore of Nova Scotia stopping off at Yarmouth, Digby and Wolfville to enjoy the exquisite autumn scenery.

Mrs. R. H. Stewart of Vancouver who has been visiting her daughter in Dartmouth, N. S., and sister, Mrs. Reginald Taylor, Prince Street, left this week on return home having renewed many old friendships.

It is cheering news that Mrs. Arthur Duvar who underwent an operation earlier in the week is now making satisfactory progress towards renewed health.

Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources of Ottawa, who has been visiting the Island during the past week, visited Brookfield on Monday last. While there was a guest of Mrs. Flora MacLeod.

Miss Mildred Harrington entertained at a jolly buffet supper party on Tuesday evening honoring the season's newly-weds, Mrs. W. A. Reddin who returned from their honeymoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Franklyn and children returned Thursday to Montreal after completing their holidays the guests of Dr. H. H. Shaw.

Regretful farewells were said to Mrs. W. F. Brown and her daughters, Misses Jean and Valerie, of Montreal who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Ian Burnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Moore and two children Donna and Betty left yesterday on a motor trip to Halifax and Saint John.

## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

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## DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Juvenile Marriages

Teen-Agers Wed Before Tastes Develop, Miserable in Bonds Of Domesticity

There can be no doubt that the appalling increase in the number of divorces is mainly due to the child-marriages that are taking place all about us most of which are foredoomed to disaster. For marriage is not a pastime with which kids are free to divert themselves and which they can drop when they are tired of it. It is the taking upon one's self obligations that affect not only the individual boy and girl, but that may determine the fate of generations yet unborn.

Certainly there is no more pathetic sight in the world than that of immature youngsters rushing into marriage for which they are totally un-fitted and which are almost sure to bring misery to them.

Yet we see this happening every day. Girls mistake having a crush on a boy for the grand passion and marry for the sake of having a swanky wedding. Boys, who think that they cannot survive without some doll-faced little cutie, marry before they finish grammar school or have any way of making a dollar to support a wife.

Then comes the inevitable awakening from their dream. The boy and girl find out that they have made a wrong diagnosis of their symptoms. They are not in love with each other. They are just in love with love. Also, they discover that they are bored with domesticity and that they desire to play about and have good times. And the husband begins to get fed up with the girl with her pretty clothes and diversion and she is tired of being a baby-sitter, so another marriage goes on the rocks.

Of course, not every young marriage is a failure. There are teen-agers who are capable of the grand passion and who marry and live happily ever afterwards, as the old story book says. But these cases are rare as hens' teeth, because the success of a marriage depends upon the congeniality of the husband and wife. And nobody can tell beforehand how a growing boy and girl are going to develop.

That is the unsolvable argument against juvenile marriages. They may turn out all right, but the chances are even better that they will not have a single idea or taste in common, and that they will spend their lives in wondering whatever made them pick out the ones they did for their life mates. So it doesn't take much gumption to see why the best bet in marriage is the husband and wife whose lives and ways have jelled, and with whom one knows where one stands.

Strangely enough, in discussing the marriage problem we put greater stress on love and youth and beauty than we do on anything else, yet they are the danger signals about which every man and woman who are seeking a mate should walk high, wide and handsome.

The safety zone according to the scientists, is when a man is in his thirties and a woman in her early twenties. For by then they have found themselves. They know what they want in a mate and have acquired the patience and the diplomacy and the sense of humor that enables them to live together, and like it.

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## Ellen's Diary

By an Island Farmer's Wife

Sally winds continued to blow in from the Strait this morning and I recall now, that sometimes during the night when for the moment my sleep was broken—perhaps from wondering subconsciously if James had remembered to draw up the extra blanket from the foot of the wide old bed at home, in the coolness, or if he had wound the clock and put out Tabby and the pup without my reminding him—rain was beating against a window. It had come out of a night that had been mellow with moonlight though now I know that it had been indicated by the eery moan of the wind about the eaves at the time of retiring. It proved to be a cold rain driven by a boisterous and rising gale. Far out, the Strait held white-caps on its bosom, and the river we crossed when homing by bus, was troubled and wind-tossed in its flowing.

Other housewives as well as I were abroad in this morning's spell of weather. One saw them shopping in stores, buying supplies of "sugar and spice and everything nice," the makings of Sunday cakes, and there was the one with her Saturday's work already in order who was "taking the day off" and, with her husband, enjoying a trip to the city. Tim was also a passenger on the bus. He it was that as a youngster and near neighbor had been James' right hand man in the long ago. At seasonal farm work, building tidy loads of hay or grain, and at the wedding and planting or picking a row of potatoes, James used to see it takes a pretty good man to head Tim on a row.

I indeed he showed such quickness at the planting that I complained to myself "But he can't be doing it right" though James' satisfaction proved that my words were only those of envy. As he developed into maturity, a fond hope of his was to be able to "lick" James' strength in wrestling. "I re-kon I can down you now, James," Tim would challenge him laughing, such times as work became tedious for the younger lad. This was the signal for a good-natured but vigorous struggle to commence—once it took place among the stocks on a hillside, and there was a great lunk.

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## Better English

D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I sort of think so."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "milliliters"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Commemoration, combatant, comedienne.

4. What does the word "transcend" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "nd" that means "not to be subdued"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I rather think so." 2. Pronounce ml-i-list, first l as in night, second l as in it unstressed, third l as in list, accent first syllable. 3. Commemoration. 4. To rise above or beyond the limits or powers of. "Nothing can occur beyond the strength of faith to sustain, or transcending the resources of religion, to relieve." — Binney. 5. Indomitable.

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Baked Potatoes

When preparing baked potatoes wash them, wipe dry, and rub soft butter over them. If this is done the skins will be soft and thin when baked and no part of the potato will be wasted.

Clothes Hanger

To make an emergency clothes hanger, roll a newspaper and tie a string in the center to hang it by. It will serve very satisfactorily.

Rusty Steel

Scrub the rusty steel with a solution of hot vinegar and salt, and see how quickly the stains disappear.

Cook's Corner

DAMSON PLUM JAM

12 cups damson plums  
3 cups water  
Sugar by measure  
METHOD: Wash the plums and stem them, if necessary. Cut and remove the stones.  
Place in a preserving kettle and add the water. Cook until the fruit is quite soft. This will take about 20 minutes.  
Now measure the cooked fruit and then add two-thirds cup sugar for every cup of fruit. Place the mixture over moderate heat and stir until the sugar is completely dissolved. Then bring to a boil and cook like this until the jelly will test for jelly.  
Four into hot, sterilized jars and seal with melted paraffin. Cover the jars and store in a cool, dry place.

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