

ELLEN'S DIARY

Spring Comes Regardless Of Sunshine Or Shadow

Only brief glimpses of sunlight came across our paths today. And how eagerly we welcomed the sight after a period of overcast skies. And a be-ruffled pink petunia on a sill brightened, and a violet opened a tight-curled mauve bud.

This will be Candlemas Day. Will it, we wonder, be shadowed or fair? "It's a strange thing" a farmer with whom we chatted today offered, "though I never did take much stock in the old saying, 'If Candlemas Day be fair and clear, there'll be two winters in the year,' at the same time, I'm always happy to see no sign of the sun that day."

"I feel the same way about it," James, husband of ours, agreed. "But sun or shadow, it makes no difference as far as I can see," he smiled. "Sooner or later, spring comes." And as for the groundhog, the first grin-

ned, "shadow or shine, I've never yet seen one in the flesh!" This morning however the day with all its implications will linger on in James' thoughts. Though nowadays no sweet garlands of clovery hay drape the old beams of the loft, he will stop below to survey the remaining bales there, looking upward to that area where, in summer-quiet, the golden sunbeams come-ing down through the high gable window, fall charmingly aslant the emptiness there.

"I reckon," he will remark then to Mack and his father in the stables, "we should be feeding with a lighter hand. Oh, we'll likely have enough to last us through, but that last half will soon slip away." "It's a good thing, Ellen," he said, when we looked into a piggy this evening as he was at the feeding, "that we had the foresight to mow, and save that brown-top from the old pasture

for bedding. It has bedded the sties up to this, saving the straw considerably."

"Now, here is a bantam's egg," Peter smiled this afternoon, bringing one out of a pocket. "What will you make with it?" "A hooecake for supper!" "Yum, yum!" he smiled.

Peter is a respected member of the farm's staff. His young eyes are quick to see any animal out of bounds, any tap left open over-long, above a tub, and he has a neat hand at the feeding and cleaning. However when unemployed he is sometimes a rather pathetic little figure about, as he tries to make his own entertainment. We see him stand in the yard, or maybe behind the bole of a tree, Scam-pie, all attention close by. Presently there is a quick draw from the holster on a hip, and a make-believe "Bang... bang!" in the quiet, and we know that some imaginary "bad man" has fallen.

"Come out and see if you think what I'm thinking" he called from the door toward evening. The air was scented with an alien smell. Peter wrinkled his nose in disgust. Scam-pie's white denoted some frustration. "Skunk!" Peter commented. "Is that what you think?"

But now the air is sweet and clean. Night has come down, drawing house and field and forest beneath dusky wings.

"So, it's the same for tomorrow" a radio-voice offers: the same mostly overcast, briefly sun-lighted, but by no means unpleasant, winter-weather.

Women

6 The Guardian, Charlottetown, Wed., Feb. 2, 1966.

Pay For Housewives Poll Causes Various Reactions

OTTAWA (CP)—Housewives in Ottawa differed sharply in their reaction to MP Grace MacInnis' proposal that the government should "consider" providing suitable and adequate wages for mothers who stay home to look after their home and family.

Mrs. MacInnis (NDP—Vancouver Kingsway) made the suggestion in her maiden speech in the House of Commons Monday. Housewives polled by the Ottawa Journal called her idea everything from "a way to make motherhood dignified" to "economically impossible."

Mrs. G. I. Hurley, who called the concept "ethically wrong," said "it's like paying a farmer not to raise his crops."

"I don't want to be a civil servant," said another woman. Housewives who agreed with Mrs. MacInnis felt the wage would be worth the tax boost they thought would follow it.

"Maybe we wouldn't have to pay so much for broken homes and juvenile delinquency," suggested Mrs. A. A. Hope.

a banquet on February 1, a plan to hold a salad tea, which had been postponed but not finalized.

A letter of appreciation was received from Gordon Kerr of Boy Scout Headquarters, for meals prepared and served by the Auxiliary on Saturday, January 22, at a Cub leaders workshop.

Two visitors, Mrs. Zielinski and Mrs. Robert Goodwin were welcomed by the president.

But those who disagreed, like Mrs. Michael Bonner, said they didn't think the government could stand another large social welfare program. "Taxes would go sky high," she said.

Some women are just happier away from their homes "and I don't see why we should pay them to stay there," said Mrs. Ronald Campbell. "I do not think a woman should have so many children that her husband can't support them."

Some asked if inspection would be necessary to determine if mom was earning her pay.

"Some do more around the house and some do less," Mrs. Bonner said.

Several women suggested other ways of making it possible for the wife to stay home, such as raising the salary of the working man or boosting family allowances.

GIVES TABLE
The Journal included a table in its survey, showing that the average Ottawa housewife would earn about \$144.34 for a seven day week at the going rates.

They figured it like this: Child care (24 hours)—\$10; general maid work (one hour)—\$1; cooking (three hours)—\$3; laundry and heavy work (one and one half hours)—\$1.50; chauffeur (one hour)—\$1.

That's \$16.50 a day, plus 25 per cent for miscellaneous duties (washing the dog, going to home and school meetings, listening to her husband's jokes). So at \$20.62 for seven days, she'd have \$144.34 — before taxes.

MARY HAWORTH

Matron Discouraged With Mate's Constant Grumbling

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: How does one adjust to living with a man who can't be pleased? It's not only I who can't please him; it seems nobody does things as he thinks they should.

We've raised our family; the children are grown and on their own and we live alone. His tastes and comforts but all I get for my efforts are disparaging remarks which have demoralized me to the point where I feel I am going to be mentally ill.

During the day I keep busy, but many nights I cry myself to sleep, starved for affection and understanding, although my husband is home.

He feels that as long as he provides me with the material things of life, I should be satisfied. Even housekeepers like to be asked how they feel, however, and greeted with a "good morning," which he never does.

My appearance brings compliments from my friends but never from my husband. If divorce is not the answer, what can I do? R. P.

DEAR R. P.: In effect, you have dissected your problem to the core without grasping the reality of what you've uncovered, it seems.

You are heartick and mentally depressed with a cumulative sense of outcast ignominy in relation to your compulsively rejecting type husband.

Psychologically, you've accepted at full face value his totally derogatory labelling of your personal weight and worth, on the score of lovability and admirable qualities.

What you've completely failed to take into account is that he renders opinions not as a normal, wholesome, perceptive, alertly responsive person, intelligently conversant with his associates, but, rather, like a brooding, resentful, continually rasps out the fragmentary repetitive phrase, when turned on.

In short, he's "agin" what ever evokes a comment from him. Anything that comes to his attention, sufficiently to a-

rouse a word from him, is to be denounced, per se. All else he ignores, with an air of "built-in" disapproval.

Which means that his views signify nothing, really, except a fitful signaling of his "pleasure in - displeasure" neurotic bias. He gets his kicks from spreading gloom.

He is allergic to the possibilities of happiness, wherever noted. So he's always doing his best to stamp them out. But it's nothing personal to you, please understand. He's under inner compulsion to act that way. He can't help it any more than a puppet can control from jumping when the control-source pulls the strings.

That is to say, he can't help it in his present chronic neurotic emotional state. But if he were to put himself in line for psychiatric or analytic counselling, he might recover the right use of his human faculties, which would include rational exercise of a wide-ranging repertoire of "good will" feelings towards persons around him.

It is unfortunate that you've let your valid needs of affirmative psychological interchange focus exclusively on your killjoy partner. Figuratively, you are living in an airless room.

The antidote is to wake up from your self-hypnotized absorption in his quicksand capacity for extinguishing optimism, and direct your attention, forthwith and fully, to building a bridge between yourself and the world of people outside your family.

Or, to put it another way, open the doors and windows of your life to an influx of fresh new interests, activities and associates, to be found and cultivated in the community arena of social good works.

As you become happily heedless of your husband's peevish pitch, he will lose much of his relish for it, lacking a "buyer" to beam it at.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write her in care of The Guardian.

Avonlea WI Has Completed Craft Course

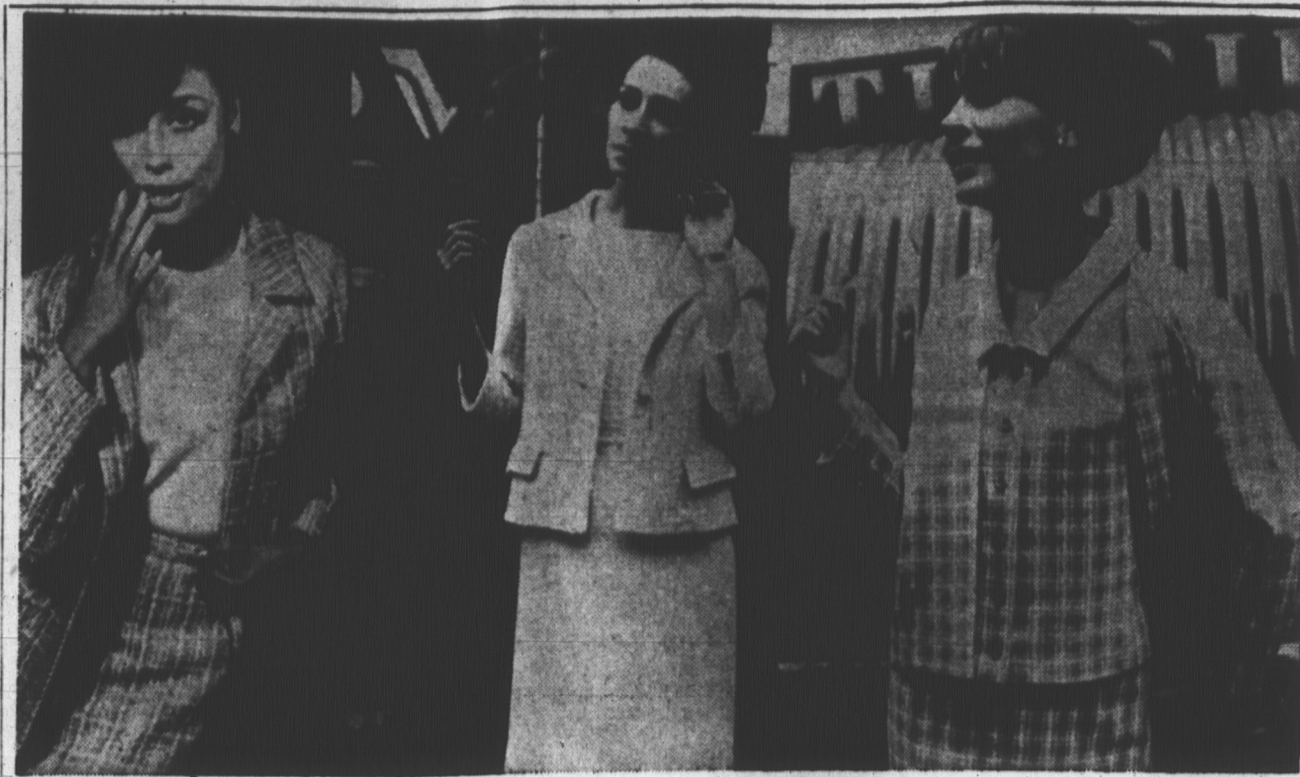
A handicraft course sponsored by the Avonlea Women's Institute, Cavendish, was completed January 21 and an achievement day was held. Sessions were held every afternoon and evening for two weeks at the home of Mrs. Herbert Wyand and were well attended. Claire Buote of the Institute Branch office directed the classes in dressmaking, basketry, textile painting, glove making, leather work and cushion making.

Guests were invited to attend the Achievement Day when Mrs. Frances Blanchard from the Women's Institute office was a present and spoke briefly congratulating those who had attended the classes after which each demonstrated the work they had done during the course.

The presentation of a gift was made to Miss Buote by Mrs. Elwin Wyand on behalf of the class.

To Mrs. Herbert Wyand for the use of her home a presentation was made by Mrs. Stirling Stewart. Refreshments were served.

Those who attended the classes were: Mrs. Herbert Wyand, Mrs. Elwin Wyand, Anna MacLellan, Mrs. Alvin MacNeill, Mrs. Herbert Moore, Mrs. Ralph Burdett, Mrs. Albert Murrant, Mrs. Frank Stiles, Mrs. Chesley Clark, Mrs. Benson Graham, Mrs. Myron Paynter, Mrs. Stirling Stewart, Mrs. Oliver Coles and Mrs. Eris Simpson.



SUITS FOR SPRING

From Britain come these creations for Spring 1966. LEFT, a coat and skirt by Judith; CENTRE, open weave tweed dress and jacket by Reidan-Digby Morton; and RIGHT, a three-piece suit by Dereta.

Petite 97 Year-Old Surprised By Birthday Party, Cake

The other day diminutive 97-year-old Mary E. Chalk of Stanley Bridge took time out after she finished her business in the city to celebrate the birthday that leaves her just three years short of the century mark.

Born in Newfoundland in 1869 she came from a village called Burnt Island "where the little ships used to come up the stream to the wharf", and is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chalk. She moved to New York in 1901 and lived there for 60 years before coming to this province where a sister had been living. She now makes her home with a grandnephew, James Hiscott, in Stanley Bridge.

As talkative and alert as she is tiny, Auntie Mary comes into the city regularly every week to transact her own banking and other business and always ends up having supper at the Old Spain. Learning that the birthday was coming up, Mrs. Milton Bell, restaurant proprietor, arranged a small birthday party for the nonagenarian and the lighted birthday cake brought a gasp of pleasure from the little old lady as a group of other diners led by Graham Bower sang "Happy Birthday to You".

The only other birthday she recalls with any feeling was one she spent in a hospital "and I was only 91" she says angrily.

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Vegetable-Egg Scramble Suggested For Brunchon

Brunchon is a condensation of the two words, "breakfast and luncheon, used when one meal takes the place of both. Brunchon is served late in the morning between 10:30 and 12:30, usually on holidays or weekends.

For more than six persons, buffet service is generally used. The host presides and possibly even prepares one of the hot foods. The service for both coffee and tea should be conveniently arranged on a separate table, with a woman guest "pour-

ing". Meanwhile, the hostess circulates among the guests.

The guests serve themselves, and enjoy brunchon at the dining table, set as usual; or at small tables seating four, also set.

"At this season, a substantial brunchon might be modeled on an English breakfast," suggests the Chef.

BRUNCHON ENGLISH STYLE
Fruit-Juice or Melon Choice
Hot Oatmeal or Ready-to-Eat
Cornflakes with Blueberries

Social Workers To Debate Draft

OTTAWA (CP)—Social workers in private practice should be offered official recognition, the 180 member Eastern Ontario branch of the Canadian Association of Social Workers has decided.

Branch President Patricia Godfrey said Monday in an interview she is delighted with the association's action in approving a draft resolution for debate at the national convention in Vancouver next June.

"Membership would be conditional, of course, on proper qualifications and other conditions such as acceptance of pay scales and subscription to professional ethics," said Miss Godfrey, the executive secretary, research and special projects, for the Canadian Welfare Council.

The move has been debated for several years. Some agencies fear private practice will become too attractive, drawing good people away from them.

Quebec and Nova Scotia already license private practitioners who usually deal with marital difficulties, problem children and budgeting.

SCRAMBLED EGGS
(That don't stick to the pan)
6 fresh eggs
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
6 tsp. milk
3 tsp. butter or margarine
Break eggs into bowl. Add seasonings, and beat eggs until very frothy. Add milk and beat in.

Melt butter in smooth 10" fry-pan. Do not let butter brown. Turn pan to coat evenly with butter. Pour in egg mixture.

Cook over low heat ½ in. 1. or enough to firm eggs slightly. Then with big spoon scrape up in big flakes; continue until egg is lightly cooked, but still smooth in texture.

Vegetable-Egg Scramble: To the mixture for scrambled eggs, add 1 c. creamed, cooked mixed-vegetables, or creamed peas; or creamed onions; or creamed diced asparagus. Cook as for scrambled eggs.

FRENCH PANCAKES
2 eggs
1½ c. milk
3 drops vanilla extract
¼ tsp. salt
1 c. sifted flour
1 tsp. powdered sugar
2 tsp. powdered sugar, additional

Beat eggs very light; add milk, extracts and salt. Combine flour and powdered sugar and beat milk mixture into it, using rotary egg beater or wire whisk.

Heat heavy fry-pan or griddle; oil sparingly with butter. Drop on batter by large tablespoonfuls; it will spread. The cakes will be very thin; fold over. Dust each pancake with some additional sugar, and accompany with honey or fruit syrup of any kind in its own glass container.

THE CHEF BROILS KIPPERS
Purchase a pair of kippers for each person to be served. Scald the kippers with boiling water. Drain, and wipe dry. Brush inside and out with butter (preferably unsalted). Broil quickly on both sides (about 6 min.). Spread with a little more butter; serve very hot.

PISQUID EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shaw and daughter Donna, Charlottetown were visitors at the home of Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay Tuesday.

Floyd Jay, Mrs. Harold Jay and Mrs. George Jay were visitors in Lorne Valley, Thursday where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earle MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacDonald were visitors in Tracadie Friday.

Floyd Jay and sons Merlin and Irwin were in North River Saturday.

Mrs. Juanita MacDonald, Charlottetown was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jay were visitors in Charlottetown Sunday.

Mrs. Floyd Jay and Mrs. Harold Jay were visitors in Montague Monday.

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MR. AND MRS. LEONARD ARSENAULT WED AT EGMONT BAY

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arsenault are pictured ABOVE following their recent marriage at St. James Church, Egmont Bay. The bride is the former Claudette Arsenault,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Midie Arsenault, St. Chrysostom and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Victorin Arsenault, also of St. Chrysostom. (Photo by Heckbert Studio)

HAPPENINGS

Audrey Jenkins, Women's Editor, Phone 4-8506

Barry Dawson, Crapaud, newly appointed president of the P. E. I. Road Builders' Association left recently to attend the Canadian Construction Association convention in Vancouver, B.C. He was accompanied by his wife.

Phoenix, Arizona have returned to their home in Borden.

Gloria and Erma Gallant, Plusville were recent visitors of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Arsenault and family at Howlan.

Ladies' Aux. At Kensington Planning Tea

Mrs. William Ozen and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ozen of Borden left recently for Vancouver, B.C., where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ozen.

Members of the Kensington Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary answered roll call at the regular meeting with "something for the kitchen", and a variety of needed articles were donated.

Kevin Murray returned to his home in Plusville after spending some time in Saint John, N.B.

The president, Mrs. Ruby McInnis presided, and the secretary, Mrs. Jean Maynew recorded the minutes. The meeting was held in the executive room of the Legion Home and opened with the usual ritual.

Elizabeth Read, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Read at Borden left recently for Phoenix, Arizona.

It was decided to order water glasses for the kitchen and other articles as finances allow. In the meantime the offer of a gift of a clock by one member, and the offer of the loan of a step-ladder by another were gratefully accepted.

Plans were made to cater to a banquet on February 1, a plan to hold a salad tea, which had been postponed but not finalized.

Two visitors, Mrs. Zielinski and Mrs. Robert Goodwin were welcomed by the president.

Ivanhoe Chevannes and Thomas White, students at St. Dunstan's University spent the weekend at their homes in Rollo Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. William MacIvor who have been on an extended vacation with their daughter, Mrs. John Reyno and Mr. Reyno at

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