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ELLEN'S DIARY

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Would James say humbly as we have often heard him: "We have indeed received more than we deserve! . . . People aren't half-thankful, are they, Ellen?" And would he not sigh, happy to have gatherings done before the black of a wintry frost should stop such work, but at the same time own some regret that for himself and for us another cropping and another harvest was now numbered away?

Is our field-work now complete? Oh no. There remains still a stint of root-harvesting at this farm "in the road." We remember too that we have not a furrow turned, neither stubble nor sod . . . and November come—and already fast passing away!

The new moon of month? We find, a fetching crescent above a dim hill. "I guess" a little fellow nodded, "that's the trappers' moon."

Until tomorrow Diary

Good-night

TOT IS HEROINE

TORONTO, (CP)—A four-year-old girl led her two smaller brothers to safety when flames swept through their small garage home at nearby Scarborough. Linda Alford helped brothers Bobby, 3, and Donald, 2, through the door as flames and smoke began to engulf the exit. The mother was visiting a neighbor.

A Country Garden

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more plentiful and less costly.

The buds throw a vigorous stem with four to six gigantic blooms, ranging in color from pure white grounds with varied markings of rose, red and crimson, to the richest self colors as scarlet, crimson and bright red. There is nothing that will give the amateur greater pleasure for growing in the house as well as in the garden.

Planted in a pot in the early winter they will bloom about six or eight weeks after planting, and they produce a magnificent blossom with the least possible care or trouble.

These lovely Indian Summer days have brought us lovely garden roses and many fragrant bouquets have been enjoyed in several homes I have visited, and garden friends tell me of their gardens and roses when talking for brief moments in the busy days. A clever Doctor tells men "Roses are so satisfying", and it is good to hear.

A city gardener tells me of her bulb garden. "I have them ALL planted, eight tulips, five crocus, six scillas and one snowdrop." And we enjoy this conversation. It is fun to be a gardener.

A beautiful book has arrived from England written by Lanning Roper on the ROYAL GARDENS and illustrated with over a hundred photographs ranging from the impersonal formality of the great lawns at Buckingham Palace, the scene of garden parties in the London Season TO THE RURAL informality of the Savill Gardens at Windsor.

At the present time there is probably more interest in Royal Gardens than at any other, for the Royal Family hold a unique place in the affections of their people.

Mr. Lanning Roper traces the development of the various Royal Gardens showing how they increased over a period of many years, and were reaching the peak of their development during the reign of King George the sixth and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, both of whom were interested not only in the finished result but took an active part in the planning of the gardens attached to the Royal homes.

Mr. G. A. Jellicoe, who has contributed a Foreword to the book, is the architect who was responsible for carrying out many of King George's plans for the gardens, particularly at the Royal Lodge, Windsor, and at Sandringham House. Mr. Jellicoe tells of the King's keen personal interest in all aspects of garden design and construction and shows how the gardens were the projections of the King's personality.

It might have been thought that the Royal Palaces, already famous for their gardens could afford the opportunity for change and development. But the same quality that seemed to make the crown so close, intimate and friendly to the people, also gave the King an outlook in garden design that began to change the internal significance, as it were, of the Royal scenery. The small formal gardens he had begun to create were an extension of the intimacy of the interior of the house into the open spaces of Victorian landscape.

The King was interested in the making of woodland scenery, and from this no doubt sprang his particular fondness for all kinds of rhododendron. He was profoundly influenced by the garden affections of the Queen, which included the enclosed Scottish garden and which introduced him to the landscape of St. Paul's Walden, a masterpiece of 18th century grandeur and intimacy. The desire for seclusion is part of the British temperament and nowhere is this characteristic so well illustrated, instance, as in the enclosed front gardens of all English and Scottish homes.

It is very reassuring that a period of keen interest in gardens on the part of the Royal Family should have coincided with the great wave of enthusiasm for horticulture which has swept Britain in the last few decades. Today more people are turning to this pastime than ever before. Perhaps it was the nightmare of war that made so many people seek refuge in nature and find solace and relaxation within their garden walls. The remarkable thing is that in these critical times and the difficult years that followed the War Their Majesties King George sixth and Queen Elizabeth found the same release in gardens and in flowers as did their loyal subjects, and the King has left his imprint on the gardening history of England.

Going back into the past there is a long garden tradition in the Royal Family, and one has only to look at the creations at Hampton Court, Kensington Palace and what is now the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, by Henry the eighth, Charles the second, William and Mary and the early Georges to appreciate this heritage.

This beautiful book is wonderful to read by those who have never seen any of the lovely gardens of England, and the illustrations give

Autumn 1953

It is Autumn on the Isle so soon—The summer mirth has ended, October plays another tune To some it seems so splendid.

Gone are our friends to city homes. The beaches are deserted. Around the cabins the fall wind moans. To loneliness now converted.

The melodious sweethearts of the air The birds that come in summertime, They too have flown we know not where To bask in floods of warm sunshine.

From out the past to me returning Is a cottage on a sunny hill. No one there, not e'en journeying. All around is dark and still.

Beside the door a birch tree bends. Once it was so tall and straight, Its withered arms to earth descends And soon will meet a tree's sad fate.

Reduced to ghostly shadows now—this grand estate That flourished in beauty one hundred years. Alone I remain to meditate Bringing naught to me but grief and tears.

Thru the mist of tears the river I see— Consoling and quiet it flows along. Its banks are decked with shrub and tree, Mingling their beauty with the green among.

Man's heart and eyes can praise the sight Of God's most wonderful artistry. But no artisan can blend the colours right To watch God's touch to a lovely tree.

—Lena Vessey.

Portland 5, Maine, (Formerly of Montague).

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP)—Hermas Damour, city taxi driver, chalked up 25 years of driving without an accident. He estimates he has driven at least 50,000 miles every year during this stretch.

That Body Of Yours

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insurance company for standard insurance.

Also, the death rate among overweight who did not reduce their weight was "significantly" higher than those who did reduce weight and who kept their weight at the required weight for height and build.

The life insurance companies know from the records of thousands of policy holders that overweight is a forerunner of diabetes and various degenerative diseases.

one an insight of the planting and landscaping that would not be possible otherwise. Next week the gardens of Buckingham Palace will be described.

"As the use of Gardens hath been the Inclinations of Kings and the choice of Philosophers, so it hath been the common Favorite of public and private men; a pleasure of the Great, and the ease of the Meanest, and indeed an employment and a Possession, for which no man is to High or too Low."

READ'S CORNER W. I.

—The annual meeting of the Read's Corner W. I. was held on Nov. 6, at the home of Mrs. Vern Matthews. The vice-president was in the chair. Fifteen members answered the roll call. One guest was present.

The Treasurer gave her report for the year. It was decided to pack a box for the Orphanage for Christmas, each member to bring their donation to the December meeting.

The new slate of officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Mrs. Wyman Cairns; vice-president, Mrs. Irving Llewellyn; secretary, Mrs. Bob Schurman; treasurer re-elected, Mrs. Helen Clarke; directors, Mrs. Bob Matheson; press secretary, Mrs. Eldrid Simmons.

After the meeting auction was in play. Prize winners were Ladies' 1st. Mrs. Lester Clarke, Ladies' 2nd. Mrs. Campbell Gentlemen's 1st. Mr. Condon, 2nd. Mr. Campbell. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Matthews and the committee in charge.

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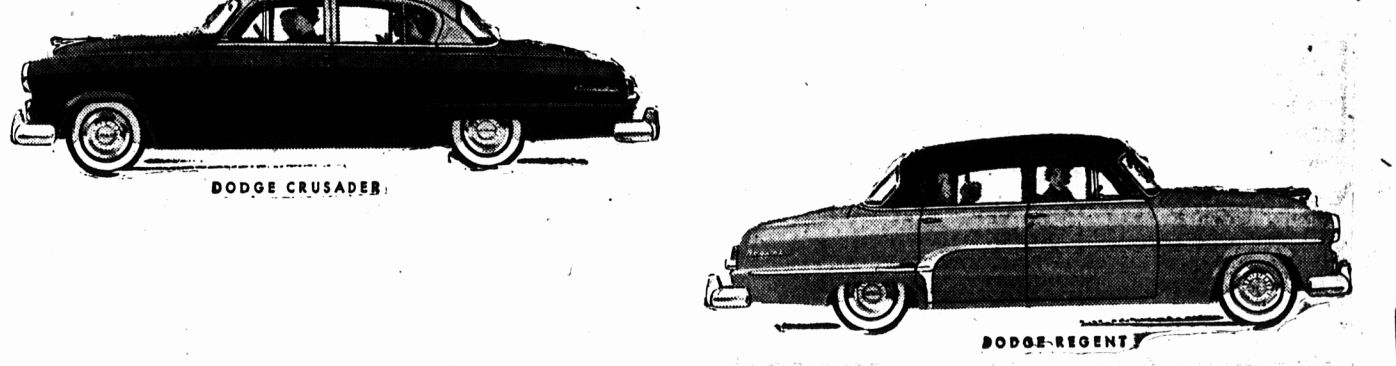
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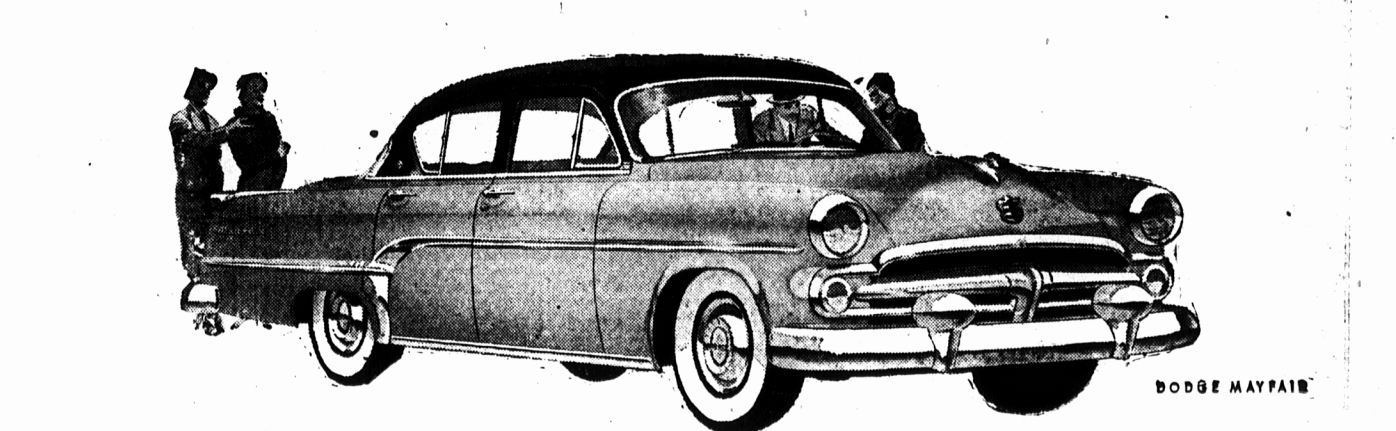
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