

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Greenwich WI Looks At The Old School Records

Mrs. Richard Hayden was hostess to the Greenwich WI for their March meeting. The president opened the meeting with the thought "Good intentions, like babies who cry in church, should be carried out immediately". The theme was "Education".

The Legend of St. Patrick's Day was read by Mrs. Richard Hayden. Roll call was answered by "An event that occurred in a member's school days also a picture of their school group".

Program Convener for April will be Mrs. Nelson Stevenson, when the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wallace Smith.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and committee in charge.

BRACKLEY POINT WI

A total of 11 members and four visitors were in attendance for the March meeting at the home of Mrs. Willard MacCallum. Roll call was answered with an Irish joke.

It was decided to hold the annual hot turkey dinner at Easter and to order tickets for same. The visiting committee reported remembering elderly citizens of the district with candy on Valentine's Day, and boxes of treats were sent to friends in Riverside Hospital and the Infirmary.

In recognition of Education month, money was donated for "Newstime" magazines for the school. Program consisted of an interesting reading on the origin of "Dalvay by the Sea". The April meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. Stanley Murray.

NEW LONDON UCW

Mrs. Harold Mayhew gave a very interesting report on the recent Presbyterian which was held in the Kensington United Church, at the March meeting of the New London United Church Women held at the home of Mrs. Edward MacMurdo.

The president, Mrs. Lewis Campbell was in the chair and following the usual opening Mrs. William Cotton as devotional leader opened the worship service. The missionary prayer was given by Mrs. Louis MacLeod.

The secretary, Mrs. James M Campbell and the treasurer, Mrs. Louis MacLeod reported and the community friendship report was given. A total of 10 members answered roll call with a verse of scripture containing the word "Peace". One visitor was present. Mrs. Harold Mayhew presented an interesting chapter on Brazil.

Leader for April meeting will be Mrs. Weirum MacKay, text word "an Easter Thought". Mr. Harold Mayhew will have the missionary prayer and Mrs. Keith Woodside will be in charge of the study book. Food committee will be Mrs. James E. Cole and Mrs. Ray MacLeod. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. MacMurdo, assisted by Mrs. James M. Campbell and Mrs. Harold Mayhew.

WINSLOE NORTH WI

Winsloe North Women's Institute was entertained at the home of Mrs. Nelson Stevenson. The meeting opened with several Irish songs with Mrs. Stanley Youlter as accompanist. Mrs. Alton Youlter was appointed to see about ordering two road signs for the district. Program, in charge of Mrs. Percy Arling consisted of three films, one on P. E. Island, one on Newfoundland, and one of the ceremonies at opening of St. Lawrence Seaway by Queen Elizabeth and United States President. These were very much enjoyed by all present.

MARY HAWORTH

Frigid Mothers May Be Cause Of Homosexuals

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: Regarding the letter from the mother who is demoralized by a psychiatrist's talk to her church group, citing frigidity in women as the cause of male homosexuality, I wish to comment.

Your correspondent has two sons who are homosexual, she says, despite her best effort to prevent that. She asks "What good is a talk like this psychiatrist's, if it only stirs up an-

xety, without advising how to prevent or correct the trouble. You tend to agree with her on that point.

You then refer to a "more comprehensive presentation of the scientific evaluation of homosexuality," as given by a doctor in the January 1966 issue of a national magazine.

Excepting from that source, you say "It is noted that mothers



IT WILL cost about \$2,000 to reproduce the coronation gown for the wax figure of Queen Elizabeth II in Tussauds Museum, Niagara Falls, the artist and costume designer, Lorna Anna Miller is working on the gown for the museum. (CP Photo)

New Costume Is Needed For Tussard's Wax Queen

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) It will cost about \$2,000 to reproduce the Queen's coronation gown for the wax figure of Queen Elizabeth II in Tussauds Museum.

Lorna Anna Miller, artist and costume designer for the museum, has cut a pattern for the gown and made oil sketches of the embroidery.

It will take 30 yards of off-white peau de soie worked with colored beads to imitate the real gold and silver thread and jewels of the Norman Hartnell original.

Mrs. Miller said five women have taken about two months to do the embroidery.

Mrs. Miller, who has an art degree, has run her own dress shop and done designing and costuming. For several years she has designed the costumes for the Niagara Falls Music Theatre Society.

She costumes the museum figures and does wax repair and sculpture, which she learned from her father.

She has just finished redoing the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's assassin. Oswald's lower lip has even been made to appear wet with a special process done by Mrs. Miller.

ELLEN'S DIARY

This Week Showed Signs Of The Springtime Days

The March-month, this week brought. In dawn-breaks that come earlier, and in lingering evenings, so pleasant we would delay the dropping of dusk. "It's growing dark here. Let's have some light!" one of the children, come in from outdoors said this evening. "If we turn them on, we'll miss the lovely time of day" we reminded him. "We won't see the moonlight there against the wall, or its brightness out on the fields. Let's sit a while as it is!"

So altogether restful and healing to spirits that, perhaps have become more or less wearied and discouraged from the demands of the day, this time is "When the night is beginning to lower." It came with its sentinel stars, and a moon in the silver-blue velvet of sky. And below, was the magic of moonlight on field and tree and stream in this cup of valley that is ours.

This week showed samples of the springtime's days: in them was sunshine and happy little winds, or lowering skies and a haze of damp on the hills. We could picture snowdrops stirring in the damp earth, below its white coverlet there in the flower-border. We saw, in a spring sign a sparrow lift a dark feather up to a nest-to-be in an eave. There was thawing. And threaded in you could hear the increased voices of the crows, as they excursions along the high fields.

Nights were delightful. If when returning from some outing you chanced to be set down at lane's end, you would surely enjoy the silence and loveliness of the countryside, the deep peace obtaining as on foot you followed the field-path to home. At the bridge, you could stop to hear the stream's lullaby, there where it entered the shadows of the bridge, and beyond where it parted to embrace a white-topped islet down stream.

Open House, an annual observance in the old and newer classrooms, in the school down the River Road was among the highlights of our week, enjoyed, it was obvious both by pupils and parents and also by other visitors who attended. It has been, and still is a modest little building, but after all, as we recalled when thoughts wandered off from the present, it had given many a graduate to the world: to war services, indeed to so many professions and callings, there was no end to the number.

"The End", so Saturday writes now to this week, which brought in the March-month. Tonight, as the week prepares to go, we remember that with humans sometimes even the bravest heart experiences its momentary despairs. Both spirit and flesh weaken at times, and there is no inspiration seemingly under the sun - or in the sky above. Only shadows lie ahead. For all these, someone has put this prayer in verse: "Lord, pity all discouraged hearts today. Give them the sweet assurance of your help. Along the way: Make plain the crooked paths, and straight the roads; Reach out your hand, dear Lord, and help them bear Their heavy loads. And some way let them feel that you are near."

Because you understand, I pray this prayer: So many are discouraged, lead them out Of their despair. Give them the gift of laughter, and of song: Put hope and gladness in their hearts. Dear Lord, And make them strong." Until Monday - - - Diary - - - Good-night.

1966 IODE Hat, Hair Show Largely Attended This Week

The Northumberland Chapter of the IODE held their Annual Hat and Hair Style Show on Tuesday, March 8 at the Summerside Civic Auditorium. The show was opened by the regent Mrs. D. E. Morrison, and music for the occasion was supplied by Gabriel Chaisson.

The spring hats were modelled by: Kaye Andrews, Beverly Boates, Mrs. K. E. Linkletter, Mrs. Judson Logan, Clara Mountain, Mrs. Bernard McGraw, Mrs. Brad MacRae, Mrs. Richard Noonan, Mrs. Earl Paquet, Mrs. Lloyd Par-

triquin, Mrs. Peter Pope, Mrs. Harry Hrischenko and Mrs. Henry Scales.

The hair styles were presented by the several salons in a wide range of styles from casual daytime to cocktail and formal. Models who dressed to complement their hair style were: Darlene Buan, Eleanor Gillis, Jo - Ann Lowther, Mrs. Basil Pharo, Mrs. Marie Buan, Mrs. Arch MacLeod, Mrs. Bob Lynch, Iris La Doucer, Mrs. Pat Barlow, Mrs. Sonny Heustis, Mrs. Karen Crawford, Vera Chappell, Cheryl Perry, Mrs. S.

Homosexuals are usually overly intimate with their sons, etc. This perfectly describes my family life, also the family life of two of my mother's sisters, who raised homosexual sons in widely different parts of the country.

Very often I see other mothers like them. But how can I warn them? I can't without giving myself away.

I am in a business, extremely successful, in which there is very little concern as to whether or not one is homosexual. I hear women talk in a derogatory way about "queers" every day. Yet I see many of these women's husbands in the "gay" bars; and I see their sons there, too.

I spent \$100 per week on psychiatric therapy for a time, but gave up finally, deciding that my several doctors were rather more problem-ridden than I. The first of these made improper advances to me, the second was my boy friend for about six months, and the third, whom I searched out carefully, was married, with four children, and very much overweight, a bad sign, I think. The best I can say for him is that he was heterosexual, however.

I hope you will publish my letter, though you'll probably receive thousands in the same vein. D. C.

DEAR MARY HAWORTH:

I think you may have overlooked one probability in your very sympathetically worded reply to the mother wounded by a psychiatrist's scare-talk to a woman's church group, about male homosexuality. He blamed female frigidity as the cause. Did it occur to you that the good doctor himself might be latently homosexual, and, through his talk, striking at the assumed origin of his trouble? I don't mean, of course, that he is overtly active, as the phrase is. But basic maladjustment, perhaps sublimated in the past, more or less successfully could be pressing to the surface, twisting his personality structure.

Not too many years ago, I had a social work assignment in a clinic, working with a psychiatrist, board-certified some 30 years earlier, whose homosexual make-up and hostility to women showed clearly. Young effeminate males made overtures to him and women patients sometimes had to be rescued from his antipathy.

Before you reject my theory, consider what else the power structure in conservative organized medicine sometimes backs up, even as other power structures do. Very truly yours, J. C.

DEAR J. C.: Frankly it never occurred to me that homosexuality might be endemic in the field of psychiatric practice. Thus your separate testimonies hinting at such an infestation come as a bit of a surprise. But I haven't received any great number of letters to that effect, yet. M. H.

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

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Interesting Speaker Heard At Home Economics Meeting

Mrs. Christie Harris was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Prince Edward Island Home Economics Association, held in the Queen Charlotte High School.

Speaking as a member of one profession, writing to those of another, home economics, Mrs. Harris described her work as that of communication. The chief gift needed by a writer is sensitivity to others, or empathy. It is the writer's purpose to discover the real spirit, or enthusiasm of other people or events, and to communicate this feeling into words which may be read and understood by others.

Mrs. Harris has written hundreds of scripts for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation many of them for school children. A special requirement of such writing is that it must stimulate children to want to learn more about the topic and lead them into a school project if possible. At the same time, it must be imaginative and not too obviously related to formal teaching. A very successful technique introduced into this field by Mrs. Harris was the use of humor.

The mother of five children, Mrs. Harris was able to try out her ideas at home before presenting them to the public, and sometimes to find inspiration in the activities of her own lively household.

Mrs. Harris was introduced by Mrs. R. R. Hearst. Mrs. Gordon Whiteside, voiced appreciation on behalf of the group present. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sylvia Matheson and Mrs. Hazel Matheson, home economics teachers at Queen Charlotte High School. The business meeting was

conducted by Mrs. Whiteside in the absence of the president, Irene Mountain. It was reported that six recipes of provincial interest had been sent as a contribution to the Centennial Cookbook being prepared by the Canadian Home Economics Association. Funds were voted for the usual Home Economics prize, to be presented at the Prince of Wales Convocation.

A gift from the Association was reported sent to Theresa MacLeod, a former member, now employed by the Consumer Council in the Maritime division. It is hoped to have Miss MacLeod as a speaker at a future meeting.

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Commentator for the program was Margaret Ann Craig and stage decorations were supplied by Kelly's Flower Shop. Make-up assistance was supplied, courtesy Enman's Drug Store.

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