AIDS R. C. A. F.

A Charlottetown girl aids in search and rescue work with RCAF. Leading Aircraftswoman Claudette MacMillan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude MacMillan of 6 Upper Hillsboro St., Charlottetown, P.E.I. uses a search area designator at the Rescue Co-ordination Centre at RCAF Trenton, Ont. The Centre is responsible for search and rescue from Quebec to Manitoba, and the designator held by LAW MacMillan is used in checking search areas. (National Defence Photo)

Women's Clubs Criticize Toronto's City Council

TORONTO (CP) — A group of women's club executives sent an "open letter" to Toronto city council Wednesday complaining about "petty discrimination" against Controller Mrs. Jean Newman.

Mrs. H. A. Coon, president of the Inter-Club Council, a group representing about 30 women's organizations, says in the letter her council is "sickened and disillusioned at the display of pettiness among the male members of city council."

Mrs. Coon also issued an ultimatum:

If the men don't behave, "we will throw all our resources into tnrowing them out and electing an entirely new board of control."

ONLY CITY CONTROLLER

Support from women's clubs helped give Mrs. Newman more votes than any other candidate during the December civic elections and made her the first woman on the city's board of control.

Mrs. Newman said Tuesday she found it impossible to attend both the city traffic committee meetings and metropolitan Toronto council executive meetings, both held at the same hour. She asked to be given a seat on the city's parks committee instead of traffic. Her request was refused.

This was the last straw for inter-club members, Mrs. Coon's letter says.

"The women of Toronto have at least 50 per cent of the vote and will use it effectively at the next civic election you may be sure. It will take you gentlemen the rest of your two-year term to convince us that you are interested alone in good civic government and are not swayed by what appears to be malice towards your woman colleague. . ."

Mrs. Coon said the ultimatum was issued by the women on their own responsibility. "Mrs. Newman has not been consulted and knows nothing about it."

It Is Fun And Exciting Being The Wife Of A P. M.

LONDON (Reuters)—Lady Dorothy Macmillan, wife of the new prime minister, Tuesday admitted that being the prime minister's wife "is fun and exciting and interesting."

Holding her first press conference since her husband took office Jan. 10, she said that "at the moment I feel a little lost."

"I don't know what invitations to accept or reject," she said. "And some people ask me to do the maddest things. I know I see my husband more than I used to but I don't know what to do with my time between engagements.

"Now, at home in Sussex," she went on, "I could be tidying up or gardening or something."

But at 10 Downing St., the prime minister's official London residence, she said: "They won't allow you to do much there."

Dressed in black silk and sporting a scarlet velvet hat and a heart - shaped bracelet of diamonds, she laughed and told the reporters that the residence "is nicely furnished. Our bedrooms are in the attic, of course."

NO PICTURE CHANGE

As for hanging her own pictures, she said: "They are not good enough. The Tate Gallery supplies the pictures and they are very beautiful. I suppose one could ask for a change if necessary but they are not very keen on that."

As for Chequers, the prime minister's official country residence 38 miles from London, she said it's like "living in a hotel, it isn't home."

She also said she would never make speeches, except to "say a few words at small gatherings."

"I simply cannot make a speech. I should lose the place if I tried to read it.

"The only joke I have made in my life--when I said I had married a publisher and look what I had got—went all over the world. I shall never be able to think of another one."

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KEEP IN TRIM

Wishing Secretly Is No Good For Your Figure

By IDA JEAN KAIN

For how many years have you been overweight? And for how long have you been secretly wishing to reduce? If you have been toting those burdensome pounds for more years than you car to admit, why haven't you done something about it?

Face it. You say you want to reduce—but do you really mean it? Your desire must be strong enough to overcome the relatively difficult first few weeks of cutting down on calories. All too often, you have the mistaken notion that some magical formula is back of successful reducing. The truth of the matter is that the miracle is science — nutrition science, which is safe and always effective.

But even when the wish to reduce is strong, the desire must be backed with a feeling that the goal is obtainable and that you can do it. For this reason, letters from homemakers who have won through to normal weight give new found hope, and almost force you to take resolute action. Today's letter from a victorious Pennsylvanian is a perfect example.

"I want to thank you for what you have done for me. Last May I weighed 170 pounds for my 5'4". Most of my overweight had been put on in the last 8 years. I am a nervous type person and a worrier. I often ate between meals—a cup of coffee and a bun—saying to myself, 'This will help me settle down a little. It did settle me good—at a bulky 170 pounds!

"Reading in your column the stories of all those women who lost weight did something to me. Every time I said to myself or to someone else, 'Oh, I can't lose weight, I can't diet.' I felt guilty. I finally made up my mind that if they could do it, so could I. I might add, too, that I had been going from one doctor to another for terrible pains in my legs. Each doctor told me that apart from the fact that I was too heavy for my legs, nothing was wrong.

"I am 36 years old, have 3 children. I was so miserable. I looked terrible—even weekly trips to the hairdresser didn't help . . . a nice hair-do, but no figure, no looks. So, after reading your column, I finally made up my mind to diet. It wasn't easy, but your inspiration - informat on way of helping as well as loving encouragement given by my husband and children kept me going.

"I started last May, and by October had lost 40 pounds. At 170 my measurements were 36-30-43. Today, at 130 they are 33-26½-38. I feel wonderful and have no pains in my legs. I wear a size 14 dress instead of a tight 18 or 20, and my family is thrilled. Now my husband wants to lose about 10 pounds, so I'm going along with him to lose 5."

Cheers for this happy reducer, and thanks for sharing. If any magic was involved, it stemmed from that powerfully motivating phrase, "If they can do it, so can I!"

Women Keep In Trim With Y. W. C. A. Course

. . .By CAROLYN WILLETT. . .
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Whittling away excess pounds does as much for personality as it does for waistlines, says Mrs. Sydney Forster.

A trim and youthful - looking grandmother, Mrs. Forster is chief instructor for the YWCA's silhouette courses here.

"I came first to lose weight myself," this expert says of her introduction six years ago to the silhouette course. This particular program of reducing and redistributing weight is offered only at the Ottawa and Vancouver YWCAs.

But women anywhere who want to get—or stay—slim and are willing to work at it, can at least find a keep-fit class at most YW gymnasiums.

NEW PERSONALITY

"You'd be surprised. . .losing weight has made a new person out of more than one woman," Mrs. Forster said in an interview.

It can drastically change the way a woman dresses and even clear up complexion troubles and inferiority complexes.

Hundreds of Ottawa women—wives of diplomats and working girls, teen-agers and women over 60 — have donned shorts, thick socks and loose-fitting blouses to stretch and bend their way to slimness.

Now, with four instructors at central and west - end YWCA branches, Mrs. Forster expects more than 800 women will have taken this season's four three - week courses and a two-week refresher course for "graduates" before the program ends with spring.

The courses are split into classes five days a week. Requirements include a medical checkup, a YWCA membership and a $7 fee.

KEEPING FIT

Most of the 25 students in each half-hour class work at reducing. But some women, says Mrs. Forster, already have good figures and aim to keep them.

A health diet emphasizing raw vegetables and fresh fruit, with no fats or starches, is suggested but isn't compulsory. The YWCA cafeteria co-operates by offering made to order "silhouettte salads" so women can slip from gym to dining room and still get back to work on time.

Exercises are graduated and based on modern dance rhythms to promote muscle toning and control and to develop grace and poise, as well as to remove pounds and redistribute weight.

As a case of redistribution, she mentions girls who sometimes want to reduce their hips while retaining their waist proportions. Students in each class who lose 10 pounds win a blue ribbon.

Long Isolation With Same Group Is Worst Of Antarctic

By FRANCES LEWINE

WASHINGTON (AP- — Edith Ronne, who has been there, says she will be the first to admit that the Antarctic "is a man's world."

She and one other woman hold the distinction of being the only members of their sex to set foot on the southern continent.

"I wouldn't have missed it for a million dollars and I wouldn't go back for two million," she said at her suburban home.

Mrs. Ronne, 37, accompanied her navy husband on a 1946-48 expedition as researcher and historian.

BORED

"The most difficult part of Arctic exploration," Mrs. Ronne said, "is being in isolation with the same group over a long period of time . . . even the way a man puts on his socks in the morning begins to irritate you."

Capt. Finn Ronne, a 57-year-old veteran explorer, now is scientific director of the Weddell sea station of the U.S. team exploring the Antarctic.

Mrs. Ronne said an Antarctic explorer "has to be very self-reliant" when things get tough, especially during the 24-hour winter nights. He shouldn't be the type that relies on other people for entertainment and happiness.

A good hobby is a fine idea, she added, "to keep strong mentally and physically."

Ronne comes by his exploring interests understandably. His father, Martin Richard Ronne, a Norwegian, accompanied Roald Amundsen on the expedition which discovered the South Pole.

Ronne was recalled to active duty in the navy for what is his fourth trip to the Antarctic. As for Mrs. Ronne, she said she had no qualms at all about sitting this expedition out.

Extreme Styles Shown In Milady's New Hats

By NADEANE WALKER

PARIS (AP) — The first fashionable peek at feminine knee-caps since the 1920s was provided Friday by dress designer Balenciaga.

In his month-late show, he flew in the face of Dior's dictate that skirts should cover or nearly cover the knee, but many are so hobble-tight that they ride up when the mannequins walk by.

Pleated or gathered transparent barrels cover fitted sheaths for dressy occasions, while daytime —well, as a box.

The whole show looks rather like a little girl having fun dressing up in mama's clothes. Nearly everything misses fitting by a mile.

Bushel-basket hats contribute to the effect. So do two - yard-long necklaces made up of egg-or rock-sized beads. One gold chain necklace swung a baseball - sized bauble, in jewel - studded gold open-work, on the breast.

SOME SEEM BACKWARDS

Seams are welted (double - stitched), waists are belted up high with two round pockets under the breast, or else completely unfitted.

Hats that are not as big as a bushel are small as a teacup, which they rather resemble in shape. Coats are bat-sleeved and cape - backed. There are more three-tiered jobs and double or triple hems. A lot of the clothes look as if they are being worn backwards.

Besides black and white, there are purples, sulphur yellows, pinks. A pink polka dot chiffon sheat was worn with a $30,000 diamond necklace. Other strapless sheaths had what looked like a chiffon or organdy napkin tucked in the bosom.

Nobody expects Balenciaga's barely - below - the - knee skirts to spark a revolution, but they are a stout blow for the anti-Dior faction. Among Balenciaga clients is the Duchess of Windsor and many of the wealthiest women in the world.

Workshop Patterns

by Ruth Wyeth Spears

This three - drawer chest has many uses a few of which are shown in the above sketch. The material used is white pine and ¼ inch plywood in combination for the sake of economy and ease of construction. Making the frame is simplicity itself when you follow the perspective sketches on the pattern. The drawers are made out of ¼-inch plywood with the block fronts attached by screws from the inside. Pattern 282 will be mailed for 35 cents. It is included with the Bedroom Furniture Packet of patterns for making an 18-inch chest; dressing table; Bedside Stand and Hollywood type bed. Price of packet is $1.50 postpaid.

Charlottetown Guardian, Pattern Dept., 4433 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus A. MacNeill, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Mr. Roland MacNeill of Ottawa, Mr. T. M. Kirby, Moncton, representing the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and Miss Phyllis Lutes were in Charlottetown to attend the funeral of the late Mr. J. Harper MacNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Milton Brehaut, Birchwood Avenue, spent two days last week in Moncton.

Mrs. R. C. Parent, has returned from Moncton, where she was the guest of Miss Helen Scott. Mrs. Parent was attending the anniversary of the founder's birthday, Lord Baden-Powell on February 22. Lady Baden-Powell was also born on that date as well as their daughter Heather. There are three in the Baden-Powell family, Heather, Betty and Peter, (the latter the present Lord Baden-Powell).

Mrs. Parent had an unusually interesting weekend visit. Friday afternoon she was interviewed on television. Friday evening she attended the Father and Son banquet at Central United Church. On this occasion Mrs. Parent was presented with half a dozen sterling silver spoons engraved with the Cub crest. Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Parent addressed the Akela club. Saturday night she addressed the Rover Citizen's club. Sunday morning Mrs. Parent attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with the scouts and cubs in a body.

At three o'clock there was a huge rally of 1400 strong in the auditorium of the Moncton High School. On this occasion Mrs. Parent's address was recorded. It will be rebroadcast on Friday of this week.

Mrs. G. A. Avard, guide commissioner for Moncton, entertained Sunday afternoon at High Tea in honor of Mrs. Parent and the executive. Mrs. Parent's qualifications in Scouting are the following: Assistant district commissioner for cubs for Charlottetown, an assistant Akela leader, which means that Mrs. Parent can assist at any Akela Gilwell camp in Canada. Mrs. Parent left Sunday evening by plane for Charlottetown after her memorable weekend.

MINERA LISLAND

The Isle of Man in the Irish Sea is rich in minerals such as lead and iron.

MARY HAWORTH

Child Follows Adult Habits

Dear Mary Haworth: My husband Harry thinks that if an adult is smoking or drinking, and a child shows interest, he should be allowed to do the same. Harry argues that if the child's curiosity is satisfied, he won't desire to smoke or drink to excess in later years.

He points to himself and says he never has had any desire to sneak a smoke or drink, although he smokes occasionally and drinks moderately now. I don't agree that his one example proves the rule. I wasn't raised in his theory, and I don't smoke or drink today; nor desire to do so on the sly.

Aren't we told to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom?

I feel very strongly that children learn most from parental example and teaching, as to the moral, physical and social effects of good or bad habits. However, Harry is a very determined man and does what he wants, regardless.

MAY BREAK UP

Our 9-year-old son has been drinking beer for several years, asking for it frequently. I've given in on that, but my patience snapped when Harry offered our 6-year-old daughter cigaretts to smoke. I told him if he ever offered Junie cigaretts again, I would leave him and take the children. Was I wrong?

Shouldn't parents agree how children are to be guided? And not pull in opposite directions?

Sometimes Harry seems to regret that I'm not as sophisticated as certain of our friends and business acquaintances . . . Is this perhaps the reason for his child training ideas and behavior? I will appreciate your comment. C.Y.

TWIG IS BENT

Dear C.Y.: It is axiomatic that "As the twig is bent, so the tree inclines." Thus your son's established thirst for beer is not a reassuring trait in a child so young.

A national magazine carried a leading article to this effect with in the past year or so. It was reporting on the (then) moot subject of alcoholism amongst school children in France, to which government authorities were giving attention.

The gist of the story and accompanying pictures suggested that the problem seems rooted in the French custom (in certain walks of life) of using wine freely as a family thirst-quencher—much as we give milk, water, carbonated drinks, etc., to children, as meal-time or in-between beverages.

The best I can say for your husband's twisted theorizing is that he speaks from ignorance in voicing it. He just doesn't know any better. As he says, he was "raised" that way. If it didn't turn him into a chronic drinker and smoker, that was accidental good fortune, not the guaranteed result of a "system."

However, it is a pretty safe bet, I think, that your husband is not so convinced he's right, as he is cussed, in stubbornly opposing your sound ideas of child rearing. He just feels like being contrary and asserting his paternal authority—to do as he pleases about the children—once in a while; or along certain lines. It's his way of saying: "They're my kids too, and don't you forget it."

MAN IS WRONG

It is possible that he sees and resents a special closeness between you and the children (fostered by your genuine devotion to them)—in which he doesn't share. So, to "break it up," and forge his own bo d with them, he bribes them, in a fashion, by letting them smoke and drink "like Daddy." This rather turns the tables on you—puts you in the role of killjoy objector, and allies him with them, against you.

His performance is childish, not maturely paternal. You are right, all the way; and he is wrong, from A to Z. M.H.

Mary Haworth counsels through her column, not by mail or personal interview. Write to her in care of this newspaper.

If Queen Visits U. S. Will Likely Visit Canada

LONDON (CP)—It seems to be taken for granted now that the Queen will visit the United States this autumn, after all. If she does she will likely go to Canada.

Despite the foreign office announcement Monday that there are no plans at the moment for a royal visit to North America, some commentators feel the negative statement should not be taken too seriously.

The Manchester Guardian, for instance, says the announcement does not mean "that there never have been such plans or that there will be in the future; it means that the plans are not complete."

The Guardian adds that if the Queen goes to the U.S., she will probably go first to Canada.

"Neither the Queen nor her advisers on either side of the Atlantic could contemplate a visit to North American during which she did not set foot on her own territory," the paper says.

Earlier this year, a Buckingham Palace spokesman had said, in a talk with a reporter, that a trip to Canada would not "automatically" be entailed in any North American visit; that a U.S. trip might be well a self-contained" affair. Now, however the line seems to have changed.

Oddities In Dress Are Featured At Paris Show

By NADEANE WALKER

PARIS (AP)—A dress which ties the wearer's hands to her side was only one oddity in the Hubert de Givenchy fashion collection shown Thursday.

Hats that look like napkin rings, egg cups, popovers, oyster shells, Christmas c ackers, jacks-in-the-box or cactus plants had sections of the audience tittering. Fashion writers had waited nearly a month for the show.

Givenchy and Balenciaga, most surrealistic of French designers, decided to go their own ways several seasons ago. They now show only to buyers at the regular fashion season, and to the press weeks later.

PELT THROUGH CUFFS

The dress that caused most neck-craning today had a belt which passed through the cuff of each sleeve, literally shackling the mannequin.

The female figure is drawn and quartered in Givenchy's favorite new silhouette. Cut square down the middle and square across the hip, it is double-seamed to emphasize its geometrical construction.

Givenchy goes on with the kangaroo pou drapes he started last season, as well as loose-hanging panels, rounded or squared, literally muffling the figure. Many skirts are still gathered into hobble-hem bands and all are just below the kne for daytime—no matter what Dior says.

One beige sheath still managed to be shapeless in spite of five belts, all set in with a buckle in front. Another dress which hid all, had what looked like a G-string from the belt—a sort of ribbon band with a bow on it.

MALPEQUE AND BALTIC

Mrs. Bruce Riley entertained the member of the Malpeque and Baltic Womens Missionary Society at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening Feb. 14, with the president, Mrs. Williiam H. Burns presiding.

Seven members answered roll call and one new member was welcomed. Two visitors were present. Mrs. Robert Wall assisted by Mrs. Frank Beairsto conducted the devotional period.

After the business period the meeting adjourned. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Lorne Silliker.

FRENCH INVENTOR

The gyroscope was invented by the French philosopher, Jean Foucault, in 1851.

Will Abandon Little America

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z. (Reuters) — Rear - Admiral George Dufek, commander of the United States Antarctic expedition, disclosed Monday that Little America will not be maintained is a permanent U.S. base in Antarctica.

Dufek, who arrived here by air from the American Antarctic base on McMurdo Sound, also announced the United States has spent more than $55,000,000 on seven bases for international geophysical year projects.

Conditions at Little America are constantly changing, he said, and there can be no permanence in any base built on 600 feet of ice lying over 700 feet of water.

HEALTHY SPOTS

YORKTON, Sask. (CP)—Next to Hawaii, the healthiest places in the world are Saskatchewan and Alberta, says Dr. C. J. Houston, Yorkton's medical health officer. He thought this might be some consolation to citizens getting tired of winter.

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