ELLEN'S DIARY

Jame's Yarning Recalls Farming's Quaint Ways

"And I remember that spring, by this, the fields were almost bare. There was some fall afterwards, but no amount of it" James said this evening. Looking back along time gone, he was then, with the lads from the house across the lane listening in. They much enjoy following him in fancy back to those days. Bare they must seem to them, because there are no cars in them, neither broad highways or great transports, no little trucks nor tractors, no TV with its "shootin' bad men", nor radio to pipe its programs into the homes.

But James' yarns are interesting because he goes back to his boyhood and the quaint ways of the farming, the living of then, many of them since disappeared, vanished as are those years.

There are horses in them, those as knowing and understanding as a human in many a sense, and also for a thrill, those slow in conforming to the rules of his training. The children see him, when a little lad, with that mare who would obligingly lower her head to allow him to bridle her; see him too a barefoot boy by preference, "so to get the feel of the soil better" at the harrowing with the team, "the mare and she to have a foal in June, and the colt that "had done a bit of plowing the fall before". There is no that horse, his dust mingled with the earth of this farm who "could open any door of the barn - lift a latch or move back a wooden slide." There was too "the May foal we named "Victoria".

"But why?" one queried.

"Because she was born on an anniversary of the old Queen's birthday: the 24th. That" he recalled "used to be a nice holiday — the first summery one, you might say. It brought plenty to fish at the pond of then, and the "little stream. Some came from as far away as the city — on foot, or by bicycle, or maybe by horse and wagon."

"That reminds me" Mack said, "Has anyone seen my box of fishhooks around? It won't be too long now before the season opens. Not that from here — with all this snow to go — it looks too promising. It's likely the stream won't be clear by then. No fish" he nodded.

"There'll come a day, and a right wind for it" we said.

There is no stir yet in the Starling's home, to lend a friendliness as we spread our wash.

A frosty breath of wind stiffened the washed pieces this morning, before the sun's smile warmed them, as it will in good time the earth to make the flowers and grasses grow . . . "Here, where the snow still lies deep" the thought came "will come the snowdrops. Over there the little crocuses. Beyond in the border, the hyacinths in their pretty gowns, and other blossoms of the Autumn's planting."

James stirs on the couch, where he has been napping. Opens his eyes.

"I'd like a little bite of lunch, Ellen" he says. "Something light" he reminds us, so to give him only pleasant dreams.

Until tomorrow. Diary Good - night.

ALBERT BERNARD JOAN E. STEVENSON

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stevenson, New Glasgow, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Elizabeth to Albert Emmett Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bernard, Hunter River. The marriage will take place April 4, 1964 in Hamilton, Ont.

HAPPENINGS

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis and son John, East Baltic, are visiting with friends in Boston, Mass.

William Corbett, Halifax, was a week - end visitor to Kelvin Grove and Granville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fisher and Arthur Fisher, Nova Scotia, have been guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Shirley Downe and family, East Baltic.

The fourth in a series of card parties sponsored by Indian River was held at the home of Frank Gallant. Prizes were won by Mabel and Peter MacLellan; consolation prizes by Sheila Dunphy and Kenneth MacLellan.

Betty MacNeill, Kirkwood Drive, has left for Toronto to visit with her brother Wendell.

Jeanette MacDonald of Cambridge, Mass. arrived in the city by plane Friday to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles McMahon who is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mrs. Shirley Dixon, East Baltic, recently attended an executive meeting in New Glasgow N.S. of the Canadian Postmaster's Association, of which she is the P.E.I. director. Plans were made for the annual conference which will be held in Charlottetown June 4-6.

A community shower in Carleton Siding Auditorium honored Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Steward (nee Jean MacWilliams). Following the presentation of gifts, refreshments were served. Mrs Heber Myers was pianist for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs Leigh Steward were honored guests at a dinner party at the home of Mr. Steward's mother, Mrs. John Steward, Carleton. The newlyweds will reside in Cape Traverse.

Joseph Gallant, 28 Great George St. has returned to Charlottetown from Montreal where he was a patient in the Queen Mary Veteran's Hospital.

MARY HAWORTH

These Mental Attitudes Are A Rare Composite

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: The following is "A Prayer for middle-aged journalists" that appeared in the May-June (1963) British Institute of Journalists. I believe it has an application beyond the boundaries of newspaper folk.

"LORD THOU KNOWEST better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day old.

"KEEP ME FROM the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

"RELEASE ME ffrom craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdow it seems a pity not to use it all, but, Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

"KEEP MY MIND from recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

"SEAL MY LIPS on my aches and pains; they are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

"I DARE NOT ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that I occasionally I may be mistaken.

"KEEP ME reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

"GIVE ME the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen."

B.A.

DEAR B.A.: I would like to believe that a journalist somewhere was visited, all at one time, with the humility, detachment, perception, humor and confiding trust in God to pray a prayer-soliloquy such as the above. But I doubt it.

To date, in my lengthening experience in this field of endeavor, I've never met any who embodied that particular composite of mental attitudes. But of course I haven't met them all, which leaves a margin for rare possibilities.

I rather suspect that this cogent appeal for heaven's help in attaining or retaining tact and charm in sunset years, was borrowed by the British Journal from another source, probably to fill up space on a page that needed filling, just as the edition was going to press.

In any case, the points it makes are well worth repeating, and should be welcome reminders to middle-aged or older readers in whatever walk of life. So thank you for the offering. H.H.

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: I am an obese woman of 32. I am five feet seven inches tall and weight 270 pounds. I am not married.

I work six days a week. I live in California and on Sundays I like to sunbathe in my back yard. I am on the lower level and men in the houses behind spy on me.

I wear a special-made bikini. How can I stop these men from looking at me when I sunbathe? I wish you would point this, so they can read it. That might help. Thank you so much. G.J.

DEAR G.J.: As I see the picture, you can't make a spectacle of yourself out of doors, within eye-range of male neighbors on upper levels, and then plead injury or invasion of privacy. If they gape lewdly or in wonder at your bikini-clad display of obesity.

You are making a serious mistake, flirting with mortal danger, actually. Peeping Toms, their minds infested with sick-sick imaginings, might morbidly construe that you are bidding immodestly for perverse attentions. Thus you might be victimized by a stealthy visit from a careless bent on mischief that could end in murder.

My advice is, use a sunlamp or go to the bach for sunning. Never, never, never again lounge in bikinis in your back yard. 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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New on the home appliance market is an electric slicing knife with a two - tone plastic handle in woodtone brown and light beige, two reciprocating stainless steel blades and an eight-foot attached cordset. The knife is designed with a hole in the handle guard for hanging on the wall.

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Twin Turkey Dinner Has Double Pleasure

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE and other New England states where the sugar maple grows, "the sap's a-runnin'" in the trees. It's time to get out the sap buckets, stack plenty of dry wood for the fire at the "sugar-house," and clean up the evaporating pans. Then New Englanders tap the trees, hang the buckets to catch the precious sweet fluid, and collect it from them next morning.

HORSES ARE HITCHED

In many rural communities, the rough roads through the woods are still covered with snow and ice; so trusty farm horses are hitched up to the "gathering tanks" to cart the sap to the "sugar-house."

The evaporating or "boiling down" to syrup consistency is a slow process. But the resulting syrup is not "slow" in selling, for it is one of our country's most delectable foods.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

For Easter breakfast, many homes will feature pancakes or waffles, piping hot biscuits; or warm doughnuts topped with maple syrup in sauce dishes. In sections where the sugar maples grow, the syrup may be from a first-run; and the Easter breakfast table may be decorated with the pink arbutus blossoms youngsters in the family found blooming under the snow-covered leaves in the woods.

Measurements level;
recipes for 6

MAPLE - CHEESE CUSTARD

8 oz. whipped cream cheese
1- 16th tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 c. milk
½ c. maple syrup

Beat cream cheese, salt and eggs together until light; beat in milk and ¼ c. maple syrup. Pour 1 tbsp. maple syrup into each of 6 custard cups. Spoon in cheese mixture.

Set cups in pan containing hot water ½" deep. Bake 30 min. in mod. oven (350 degrees F.) or until pick inserted near center comes out clean.

Chill at once. Unmold, if desired. Drift over chopped pecans or pistachio nuts and garnish with fresh strawberries rolled in granulated sugar.

EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

Avocado Saladettes
Twin Turkeys
Surprise Stuffing Rounds
Bouquet of Spring Vegetables
Maple-Cheese Custard
Coffee Tea Milk

TWIN TURKEYS WITH SURPRISE STUFFING ROUNDS

For a pleasant change, use two small turkeys of same size. Try fryer-roasters weighing 5 to 7 lbs. If desired, stuff each turkey with a different filling; for instance, savory stuffing in one, and sausage stuffing in second, both based on same recipe.

Garnish with carrot curls and parsley, which the youngest guests will enjoy nibbling "just like Peter Rabbit."

Or roast the turkeys unstuffed to save time and surround with browned surprise stuffing rounds (see Chef); pass mushroom gravy.

GOOD FRIDAY DINNER

Clam and Tomato Juice
Broiled Fillets of White Fish
Lemon Butter
French Fries (frozen)
Hot New Beets with
Beet Greens Vinaigrette
Rhubarb Tapioca with
Banana Whip
Coffee Tea Milk

RHUBARB TAPIOCA

2½ c. well-sweetened stewed, canned or baked rhubarb
¼ c. quick-cooking tapioca
⅛ tsp. salt
Grated rind 1 lemon
1½ tsp. lemon juice
1 egg white

Heat rhubarb until boiling briskly. Stir in tapioca, salt and lemon rind. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until tapioca looks clear, about 10 min. Add lemon juice. Taste, and if necessary, add sugar.

Whip egg white stiff; fold in tapioca. Chill; serve in sherbet glasses with soft custard, banana whip, or slightly sweetened shredded orange pulp.

THE CHEF'S
Surprise Stuffing Rounds

Combine 3 c. soft white bread crumbs with ¼ c. melted butter or margarine, ¾ tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, 2 tsp. poultry seasoning, 1 tbsp. minced onion, and 1 tbsp. minced parsley. Mix thoroughly and add ¼ c. hot bouillon.

While preparing the preceding, hard-cook 6 or more eggs, chill and shell. Cover eggs all over with generous layer of stuffing. Brush lightly with oil and dust with fine-chopped nutmeats, any kind. Place in oiled pan and brown about 30 min. in mod. oven, turning twice for even browning.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Clyde River Institute Visits Sherwood School

Clyde River Women's Institute combined their regular meeting with an afternoon visitation to the school.

Mrs. Stanley Newman, music teacher, directed the children in the singing of various songs, and the rhythm band performed several of its pre - festival selections.

The school teacher, Mrs. Charles Hyde arranged for readings from each grade. Since March is Education Month, the Institute spent as much time as possible with the students before beginning their session, an informal meeting which followed the serving of refreshments and dismissal of the children.

A suggestion at this meeting led to members visiting Sherwood School March 18. Aided by Mrs. Wendell Wood on a tour of the building, members were impressed with the bright, sunny bedrooms, bathrooms and the kitchen with its view of Southport bay.

Mrs. Dorothy Arnfast, supervisor of the day care class and her assistant Mary Coughlin, explained the various types of handcraft which the children are doing and later had the children sing, accompanied by recorded music.

Olga Johnson's class performed a rhythm band selection led by one of the children.

INDIAN RIVER WI

Indian River Women's Institute observed Education week by meeting at the school. Ten members and one visitor answered roll call by donating articles for the school rooms.

An encouraging treasurer's report was heard and visitation committee, Mrs. Dan Noonan and Mrs. Russell Campbell announced that those who were ill had been remembered with flowers and treats. The school was visited and treats distributed to the students.

Donations from two former members of the district for the renovation of the cemetery were acknowledged.

It was agreed to contribute to the Lady Aberdeen scholarship, and to the Institute's adopted Korean boy. Books for the Canadian Mental Health Assoc. are to be left at the store. Quilt blocks were distributed.

The programme, under the direction of the teacher, Sheila Dunphy, included an interesting debate between senior students and Institute representatives. The students, debating the affirmative of "Resolved that primitive man was happier than modern man", won the debate.

Refreshments were served by the teachers and pupils.

LAKE VERDE WI

Mrs. Ivan McGuirk was hostess to the Lake Verde Women's Institute in March when roll call was answered by eight members.

Mrs. William Shea presided and it was agreed to contribute to the adoption fees for Korean children. Used books for Riverside Hospital library all to be left at the CMHA office.

A contest conducted by the hostess was won by Mrs. Ira Redmond. Winners of a card game were Mrs. McGuirk and Mrs. William Shea.

Mrs. Ivan Redmond assisted the hostess with refreshments.

NORBORO WI

In the absence of the president, vice president, Mrs. George Stewart conducted the March meeting of Norbor Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Harland Day.

The meeting opened with "Quilting Party" and roll call was answered with an Irish Joke.

A large collection of Red Cross work was passed in to the convener, Mrs. Alonzo Webster, along with a bed quilt and a crib quilt contributed by the members. The beginning of still another quilt to be made up and quilted later, was a top donated by Mrs. J. A. Douglas, a charter member of the Noroboro group.

On the topic for the month, Education, Harriet Glover read a paper from the provincial convener.

The sum of $2.00 was voted for the adopted refugee child.

One new member, Mrs. Ivan Bowness was welcomed.

Activities for next month include, for roll call, an item for a layette for the Unitarian Services, and a collection of books, asked for by the Canadian Mental Health Society, to be placed in the Riverside Hospital library.

Bingo was played at the close of the meeting.

AID FIGURES

TAIPEI (AP) — Nationalist China got $1,300,000,000 in American aid in the 13 fiscal years through 1964, excluding military aid, the Council for International Economic Co - operation and Development has announced.

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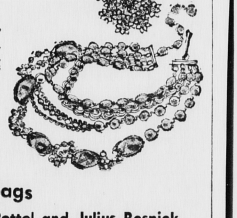

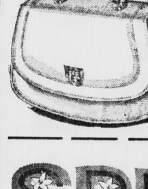

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