

ELEN'S DIARY

Robins Call Is Sweetest Sound Of Springtime

"I would say the sweetest sound of the springtime, Ellen, is that of a robin's call. James, I'm sure, would agree. I'm sure, drawing in his chair to the breakfast table this morning, he would say the same."

"Have you heard one?" I asked, eagerly.

"But I suspect I won't hear one for some time. It's too long before we do. To be sure, the birds may be here by now. April will bring them."

"You're right," one who came by recently commented. "Your starlings enjoy a southern vacation."

"We need,"

"Our birds migrate," he said. "I wish our birds would migrate regularly, but they disappear!"

"I explained," The two make their home through the summer in the garage-roof. We see and hear them there and about, during the nesting and rearing period, and into the fall. And suddenly they are gone! And there is no sign of them until spring."

"Strange," he reflected, "we should have ours all year, but not just a pair, but a flock."

"Ours do. And we wish they would stay away, so that we could keep the songbirds' flock."

"Because they are suspect," he said.

"Though their whistles are cheerful," Mack offered.

"And I may not be the same as a pair of birds we have each year."

"I'm sure they will be the same and that comes back to nest in our mailbox," he smiled.

"And what an optimist that bird is!" he said. "Remove her nest from our house, and she'll scatter the material to the winds and go heartless. We feel over this! She has a bigger and better supply there tomorrow, with it may be the addition of a warm blue egg as well!"

"The bird on the garage-roof talk. Grandmother has operated on their tongues," Mack teased mildly.

"Sit them, like they say folks do with a pet crow, to have some talk," James suggested with a twinkle.

"And so they talk," he chuckled. "And by their absence must"

Air Pollution May Trigger Colds, Ills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Public Health Service is planning a unique venture in community cold research—to check mounting suspicions that an elusive form of air pollution can trigger outbreaks of colds and kindred respiratory ills.

This was disclosed Sunday by health service scientists. They said they're planning to expose various laboratory animals to sulphurous gases of the type commonly released into the atmosphere "in large quantities by all large and moderately industrial cities."

The animals will then be exposed to viruses known to cause certain types of human colds—the idea being to see whether new exposure to the sulphur gases triggers more and longer-lasting infections than otherwise.

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HAPPENINGS

The Guardian, Charlottetown, P.E., March 12, 1968. 7

MARY HAWORTH

Student Moral Standards Formed Before College

Dear Mary Haworth: Recently you wrote that maybe the time has come for parents to join church school leaders into an organizing movement of what they are giving students in the way of character formation.

You were replying to a father's comment that he is mindful of the disturbing conditions that prevail at some church-related schools. He agreed with your statement of years that this isn't necessarily the overall picture and that many of the schools where student activities are responsibly governed.

Now, speaking as president of a church-related college, I submit that maybe a few such leaders should be joined into an overdue stocktaking, as regards administrative laxity. But most of us feel that less agonizing would be required of us, if more were practised by parents.

Your latest discussion overlooks the fact that we receive freshmen at an average of 17 to 18 years, by which time their moral standards have been formed by their family life and the schooling they've had.

Our Christian colleges deplore moral laxity, whether in sex, drinking, cheating on exams or other forms of self-indulgence that freshmen embrace.

As some of our students come from broken homes, however, and others from families where social drinking is accepted, our task of administering Christian education at the college level isn't made easier.

Many of us think it is about time that American parents begin to share their full responsibility for the formation of moral character in their young, instead of trying to push the obligation off to the schools. After all, what they are doing is making about the best of a bad situation.

Sincerely yours, J.M.

Dear J.M.: As a parent and grandparent, I believe wholeheartedly that character formation is a family function. Even so the gist of your complaint amounts to admitting, leadership

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Three Groups Unite In World Day Of Prayer

The Cape Traverse U.C.W. unit of the C.G.T. and Prayer service in the Cape Traverse on March 12.

The program was based on the theme "More Than Conquerors" and was prepared for use around the world under the leadership of Mrs. David Chung of Korea.

Mrs. Norring, U.C.W. president, led the "Call to Worship" and was followed by Mrs. Macdonald, C.G.T. leader. Other leaders taking part were Mrs. Hedley Lowther, Mrs. Earle Thomson, Mrs. Cook Howatt, Mrs. Morley Mutart, Mrs. Allison Harper, Margaret Cairns and Pauline MacCallum.

Jean Campbell gave a reading depicting the life of Helen Keller who conquered great handicaps to become world famous.

The offering was taken by explorers, Jacqueline and Julie Hoshop.

Mrs. Norring introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Dr. W. A. MacGarrigle, of the St. Alex's Parish Council, C.W.L. Robb Bay, held on March 3rd, which opened with the league prayer, Mrs. Kenneth Doucette read the minutes of the last monthly meeting, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Edwin Peters.

The president distributed copies of the annual reports from the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau, Charlottetown, and from the Canadian Red Cross Society, 1962, and Mrs. George Christian gave the treasurer's report.

Conveners reporting were Mrs. Henry Peters, national press, Mrs. Kenneth Doucette; report forms and resolutions; Mrs. Henry Peters, national magazine, Mrs. Frank Deagle.

It was decided to obtain subscriptions to the National Magazine at the annual meeting in April.

The sum of \$2. was donated to the St. Alex's regional high school year book and a pantry sale will be held on March 16th. An executive meeting will be held on March 15th, prior to the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned and closed with prayer, led by the president, in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. A. Keefe.

WINSLOW NORTH U. C. W.

Mrs. Leonard Cudmore was hostess to the Winslow North U.C.W. for their January meeting.

The devotional leaders for the evening were Mrs. James Cudmore and Mrs. Heath Crosswell.

The roll call was answered by Mrs. Leonard Cudmore who presented the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was moved and seconded that a letter from the conveners be contacted about having a special speaker come out to East Baltic and speak on Red Cross work.

Three books on the history of the P.E.I. women's institutes will be purchased; two for individual members and one to be left under the secretary's charge.

A letter from the conveners of the National Magazine was read and a questionnaire was completed.

A card from the Unitarian Service Committee thanking the W.

who presented the following program: opening hymn, "Jesus a Shell Reign". Responsive reading on Psalm 37 and several readings of the favourite hymn written by Isaac Watts.

Closing hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," followed by prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Walter Roberts, president, conducted the business program.

Mrs. Leonard Cudmore and Mrs. Milford Cudmore were made life members and presented with life-member pins and certificates.

Collection amounted to \$4.45.

A sympathy or get well card will be presented by each member at next meeting and "prayer" for the new roll call.

Memory work for next meeting John 1, verses 1 to 5.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Winslow North U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Grant Laird for their February meeting.

Devotional program for the evening was presented by Mrs. Leonard Cudmore and Mrs. Frances Cudmore. Opening hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have," Saint John's Chapter 17 was read in unison, followed by a reading on the same chapter. Readings, "He must Have Loved" and "By the Right Way" were by Helen Cudmore. Hymn, "Take Up Thy Cross," closed the devotional program.

Mrs. Walter Roberts conducted the business program. Mrs. James Cudmore gave an informative talk on the U.C.W. meeting she attended in Charlottetown.

Thanks offering for the evening amounted to \$13.60.

New devotional leaders for next meeting are Mrs. Grant Laird and Mrs. Robert Reeves.

The meeting closed by repeating John 1, verses 1 to 5.

Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

EAST BALTIC W. I.

A total of ten members and one visitor were present at the March meeting of the East Baltic W.I., which was held recently at the home of Mrs. Shirley Dixon.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Joseph Fay with members repeating the collect in unison.

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Club Celebrates 29th Anniversary

The 29th anniversary of the Past Mistress Club of Memorial L.O.B.A. was celebrated recently at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. L.M.

The meeting opened with the president, Florence Rose, in the chair and Hilda Lamont as devotional leader.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Past Mistress Jewel to the secretary, Margaret Shaw by the most worshipful grand mistress of B.A. Jessie Larter on behalf of the club. Mrs. Shaw is a charter member of the club. Past RW grand mistress, Addie Affleck, charter member, was also present.

A bring and buy sale, with Mrs. Alice Jewell as auctioneer, added a substantial sum to the funds which were also increased by a generous donation from a member.

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CBC Program Will Be Held

TORONTO (CP) — The CBC promised in the Ontario Supreme Court Thursday not to carry a television program dealing with a labor dispute at Kapuskasing, Ont., in which three striking busworkers were shot to death Feb. 11, until trials of 20 farmers charged in the deaths have been completed.

The film had been scheduled to be shown last Sunday on the program Close-Up but was postponed until the court hearing.

Chief Justice J. C. McRuer ruled the film would tend to jeopardize the fair trial of the men, charged with non-capital murder. Following the CBC's promise to withdraw the program, an application for an injunction to ban the broadcast was dismissed with costs fixed at \$100 to be paid by the CBC.

The injunction was sought by the M. Joseph Haffey, counsel for the farmers.

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