

BEDEQUE W. M. S.
The auxiliary of the W. M. S. of the Bedeque United church was held Wednesday, June 5th at the home of Mrs. Orville Johnson. The president, Miss Louisa Calbeck, presided. Mrs. George Henderson led the devotional period with the "Theme Think On These Things" and opened the meeting by singing hymn "Lord speak to Us That I may Speak" reading the scriptures. Prayer by the president closed this part of the service.
Mrs. Walter Wright was appointed to write to Miss Helen Huston missionary in India. The members of the Perseverance Mission Band were appointed to serve the supper at the Men's Association meeting to be held June 18th in the church hall. Collection \$10.25 was dedicated by prayer. Meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction.

Ballet Mistress Challenges Football Players To Try It

By RICHARD ANCO

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CALGARY CP.—A few ballet dancing lessons would leave a football team aching from head to toe, a well-known ballet teacher says.
Nimble and vigorous at 64, Madame Olga Valda gleefully holds out that challenge in the face of what she calls a "peculiar" North American concept that ballet is "sissy stuff."
"I'd love to get my hands on a football team," says the former Parisian. "The poor souls would be unable to walk."
Madame Valda, a distinguished dancer herself, now teaches ballet in her Calgary home. The exercise bars lining the walls are occupied by anyone from three-year-old hopefuls to 50-year-old housewives.

She strongly recommends ballet lessons for housewives, as giving exercise, improving posture and "a chance to let their hair down."
An outspoken, bespectacled woman, not over five feet tall, Madame Valda has the soft eyes, grey hair and gay wit which attracts confidence.
She takes a particular thrill in teaching ballet to spastics. She has several in her classes and finds that the exercise of ballet lessons

calls them a "minister."
Her door is always open to anyone and there is invariably a queue of people waiting to see her with personal troubles. She is a one-woman marriage guidance bureau, relief organization, purveyor of new angles on problems which seemed unsolvable.
"I sometimes think I should be called 'Minister of last resort,'" she says. "Most of the letters I receive begin: 'I am writing to you as a last resort.'"

helps some regain motor control.
Two days each month Madame Valda and her dance group visits a psychiatric ward of a Calgary hospital where they perform for the youngsters. "Some even get up and join us in dancing," she says.
The spry ballet teacher has also given lessons to boxers "to improve their footwork." She adds: "I'd love to get some boxers and athletes in here just to show them it's not sissy stuff."

STARTED EARLY
Madame Valda, whose real name is Mrs. R. V. Kravaner, started to learn ballet at seven in the Paris Opera House. She was actually born in London but was there only three weeks.

She left Paris in 1913 to do character acting in London and remained through the First World War. In 1919 she came to Happy Valley, B.C. with her first husband but returned to France in 1926.

Four years later she was back in Canada and appeared in scores of dances from Montreal to Victoria. However she spent most of her time at Shaunavon, Sask., where she was so active in entertaining the depression jobless that she was named a vice-president of the Union of Unemployed in Regina.

She moved to Calgary after the Second World War to start teaching at the suggestion of Jan Peerce, the famous tenor.

Her complaint today is that she hasn't enough money to do the job she wants to do—in developing an appreciation of culture in Canada, in helping spastics and in furthering the art she loves dearly.

"If only I had a few of the oil men in Alberta willing to donate some of their money for ballet schools instead of sports teams," she says, "then I could do so much more."

Dame Hilda, M.P. Has Safe Seat

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AUCKLAND, N.Z. (C.P.).—Only one woman at present holds full cabinet rank in the national government of any Commonwealth country.
She is Dame Hilda Ross, minister for the welfare of women and children in New Zealand.

So great is her following in New Zealand that she must rank as one of the most influential women politicians anywhere in the world today.

But to call her a successful cabinet minister ignores a large part of the work which has won her a unique place among her people. She is also guide and counsellor to the nation on personal relationships and plain common sense.

ACTIVE CAREER
Dame Hilda, a widow and grandmother, had intended to retire from politics this year. At 73, she has spent 12 years in Parliament and eight as a cabinet minister.

Much to the relief of the local party organizers, she has just used her woman's prerogative and changed her mind. She will stand again at the general election this year, thus assuring the government of one safe seat because of her enormous personal following.

The portfolio of minister for the welfare of women and children was created specially for Dame Hilda. It means she has a brief to look after the interests of more than half the population and to intervene if she wishes in almost every action of the government.

She does not use this privilege to excess. But when she does put forward a view, her colleagues listen with the utmost care.

WIDE RANGE
Cabinet duties are just the start of her activities.

Dame Hilda believes she must listen to individual troubles in order to understand the needs of people as a whole. She has more

Former Island Resident Was Married In Toronto

Emmanuel Chapel, University of Toronto, was the setting of a ceremony June 14, at 3.30 o'clock when Frances Rose, daughter of Wasy! Bachynski of Espanola, Ontario and the late Mrs. Bachynski, was united in marriage to Donald Forrest MacLean, son of Mrs. A. W. MacKenzie, of Halifax and the late Forrest S. MacLean.

Reverend John Hunter of Collingwood, Ontario, performed the double ring ceremony. David Rogers was organist.

An arrangement of white peonies, gladioli and poms decorated the chapel.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white brocade gown, fashioned with scroll neckline, fitted empire waist outlined with a circle of matching material and small bow with a very full skirt. Her chapel length veil of tulle illusion was held by a caplet of brocade and seed pearls. She carried a cascade of sweetheart roses and stephanotis.

Miss Violet Dutton of Larder Lake, Ontario, was maid of honor wearing an aquamarine gown of silk organza, and matching head-dress. She carried a cascade of Johanna Hill roses and stephanotis.

Errol MacDonald, Toronto and formerly of Halifax, was best man the ushers were Michael Bachynski, Kanora, Ontario and Nicholas Bachynski, Cleveland, Ohio, both brothers of the bride.

Mrs. Peter Barras, Toronto, the bride's aunt, chose a heather nylon dress with white accessories. She wore a corsage of pink poms.

Mrs. Mackenzie, the groom's mother, chose a Dior blue brocade dress with white accessories.

July 1st.
Mrs. Alex MacRae won the penny ticket article. Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Alex MacRae, Mrs. John MacRae and Hazel MacRae.

ALEXANDRA W.I.
The June meeting of the Alexandra W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Judson with an attendance of nine members and two visitors.

Meeting opened with singing the Ode, followed by repeating the creed. Minutes were read and approved. Plans were made of the district convention to be held on June 25th.

The school children are to be remembered with usual prizes and ice cream. School closing to be a picnic on June 22nd. The financial report was given. The sick committee and school committee had no report. Thanks were expressed for a sympathy card received, and Mrs. Alwood MacRae expressed her thanks for a going-away gift given her prior to leaving to live in Ontario.

Correspondence was read and disposed of. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Vernon MacLennan. Lunch committee will be: Mrs. Glendon Brehaut, Mrs. John McMillan and Mrs. Vernon MacLennan. Meeting closed and lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

New Canadians Taught English

ALTONA, Man. (CP)—Mrs. H. H. Goertzen is aiding immigrants to overcome perhaps the greatest barrier in a new country—the language problem.

She teaches English to new and old Canadians in this southern Manitoba farming community under a Canadian citizenship branch course at the public school. The Canadians in the group are mostly older persons who have not previously had the opportunity to learn English.

The course is more than the English language, however. It includes reading, writing, grammar, oral practice, and instruction in citizenship, transportation services, government and natural resources.

On the average, it takes two or three years to complete the course. A number of the learners are immigrants who came over as welders, mechanics, carpenters or bakers, and who are continuing in these vocations. Some are owners or employees of businesses in Altona and nearby Gretna.

BELLE RIVER W. I.
The June meeting of the Belle River Women's Institute was held on Monday, June 3rd, at the home of Mrs. Lester Young, with seven members and two visitors present. Sick committee reported, one sickcall. The school children are to be given an icecream treat at school closing.

A dance was planned to be held in the Legion Hall on June 7th, proceeds to pay for Science table in the school. Plans were made to attend the district convention in Flat River on June 17th.

Since the last meeting the W. I. have received a beautiful set of chinaware, a complete service for thirty-six people, earned by promoting the sale of Cream of the West flour. Five dollars was sent to the Salvation Army. The July meeting is to be held in the Belle River Legion Hall. Tuesday.

marquisette enhanced with white lace flowers. There are tiers for the bouffant skirt and decorative trailing velvet for the waistline. The crescent neckline has a single tier which creates caplet sleeves.



SUMMER SWEETNESS

Soft summer evenings will soon be with us and our designers are all prepared with dream-stuff dresses such as the charming shown here. Gothic designs this flattering party dress in mauve pink silk

Peace Pilgrim Walks And Walks

VICTORIA (CP)—A woman identified only by the white lettering on her tunic as Peace Pilgrim has walked 10,000 miles on a pilgrimage for peace. She says she will continue her wanderings until peace prevails in the world.

Refusing to give her name, age or birthplace, the slim woman with silver-streaked hair walked into Victoria recently. She wore a blue tunic, slacks and a blue shirt. On the back of the tunic are the words: "10,000 miles on foot for world peace."

She has no money, but said that friends give her a new outfit, in the same style, when her clothes wear out. Since she began "walking for peace" in January, 1953, she has worn out five tunics and 12 pairs of canvas shoes.

She says: "I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter, and fasting until I am given food."

GENEROUS PUBLIC
This motto has taken her 10,000 miles, she estimated, across the United States and Mexico. She has slept in sheds along the highway and on concrete floors. As proof of the public's generosity she says: "never have I skipped more than four meals in a row."

She has already walked 100 miles in British Columbia. She intends to walk the same distance in each of the other nine Canadian Provinces. Only after she has walked her day's quota will she accept a lift.

A small woman who might have been a teacher or business woman before she began walking, she attributes her stamina on her cause.

"I just feel the energy come to me like electricity through a wire," she said. "As soon as you give you receive."

The wanderer said "I have had perfect health ever since I dedicated my life to service." The strength which she says is "given" to her allows her to walk up to 50 miles a day at an average of four miles an hour.

"This is the way of peace," she added. "Overcome evil with good, and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."

Film Marriage Becomes Real

LONDON (CP)—A 15-minute telephone call from Denmark to Britain has resulted in an announcement of wedding bells pending for Canadian actor Lee Patterson and 23-year-old Magda Miller, blonde bombshell of British films.

Vancouver-born Patterson, 28, was in Copenhagen appearing with an all-Danish cast in the film Natt og Dag. He put through a call to London—and became engaged to the shapely, ash-blond Miss Miller, born in Scotland to Lithuanian parents.

Patterson and the blue-eyed Miss Miller met for the first time a few months ago when appearing in the British film The White Hunter.

SCRIPT IMPROVED
"We played a married couple, and the marriage went on the rocks," said Magda. "Ours will never go that way."

Miss Miller played the blonde siren in the recent British thriller Town on Trial and made a considerable impact on the critics, though on the screen for only a few minutes.

Patterson, one of six brothers, worked as a designer in Toronto and Montreal before coming to Britain. One of his recent films, due for release soon, is The Story of Esther Costello, starring Joan Crawford. He played Canadian pilot in the film Reach for the Sky.

MOUNTAIN TRIUMPH

KATMANDU, Nepal (Reuters)—A British mountaineering expedition has conquered 23,985-foot Mache Puchare—Fishtail Peak—in the Nepalese Himalayas, expedition leader Maj. J. O. M. Roberts said here Monday. The successful climb was made June 8.

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