Women

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MR. AND MRS. MELVIN E. BETTS

Young Couple Pledge Vows At Ceremony Held In O'Leary

A pretty wedding was solemnized in the O'Leary Baptist Church recently when Thelma Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Currie of Springfield, est., became the bride of Melvin Elwood Betts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Betts of Knutsford. Rev. David Hamilton was the officiating clergyman.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in her street length dress of white brocade with fitted bodice and long lily point sleeves. Her elbow length veil was of nylon tulle and she carried a bouquet of white carnations with red roses.

Mrs. Emerson Cain, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, was gowned in gold satin brocade, street length with three quarter length sleeves. Her headdress was a pillbox and she carried a bouquet of white carnations with gold tint.

Mr. Allan Betts, brother of the groom, was best man and Messrs. James Lidstone and Albert Lidstone ushered the guests to their pews which were marked with lily of the valley and white satin bows.

Mrs. Currie, for her daughter's wedding, chose a dress of blue jersey with white accessories and a corsage of white and pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother was attired in brown wool with matching accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

A reception for thirty guests was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio MacWilliams.

For the honeymoon trip to New Brunswick, the bride travelled in a three piece double knit suit with beige and brown accessories and a corsage of white carnations with tangerine tint.

Mr. and Mrs. Betts will reside in Knutsford.

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ELLEN'S DIARY

Memories Remain Of A Happy Christmas Day

Christmas Day, 1962. What of it now? Its memories remain: the rose of the dawn-glow, reflected in the old mirror in the room above the kitchen. And James beside us saying softly, "A Happy Christmas, Ellen!" And all about was so still. It seemed as if the peace-on-earth of the angels' song still lingered to bless the earth. . .We recall that as we were about to wander off into Dreamland on the Eve of the Day itself, there reached us a gentle lowing from the stables. And James, ears attuned always to catch any offbeat of the farming, lifted his head from his pillow and offered, "The young lad must be out there-maybe closing a door or a window." "It's the cattle-kind kneeling, James," we said eyes on a star caught in the branches of the white birch past the window. "They do, towards midnight, you know."

And the Christmas Day was perfect. Clean, and white-spread and sparkling every frost-gem aglow in the sunlight. A day, it came to mind, fashioned out of winter-starlight by a kind providence to allow members of families even those who were separated by distances, to know the joy of forgathering again about the Christmas hearthfire and a table they loved. How many young mothers would wrap up their babes - perhaps their first-born, and so happily take them to their girlhood home, or to that of her husband's boyhood, to be numbered that day with the flock.

"You and Gran'daddy are coming over to dinner? Then come early" Alex suggested coming by through the morning, eyes shining with the magic of it all, "because you must first, see all the gifts by the tree" . . .Alex is much indebted to an unknown friend ("He must be a very, very kind man," he said. "Or woman!" we chuckled) for a delightful box of Christmas symbols. Never was a little boy more pleased, nor awed by the wonder of it, as he opened the parcel and carefully unwrappped each item, and enjoyed them all, again and again.

And when we came to the house across the lane on Christmas Day, we were met by the co-mingled aroma of balsamy fir, and roasting goose and spice of plum pudding, and a sight of the tree and its gifts.

Presently all were gathered about the table. Heads bowed a moment, hearts grateful for so much: most of all for the little family, parents and children gathered happily there.

The afternoon spent fast, with the sun at the windows and glistening white reaches beyond. Granddaughter helped Alex fashion this and that structure with his new building-blocks. Peter imitated the sounds of their going as he paraded tiny gift - machines. Mack tried out his new hockey-stick in the yard.

And all too soon the sun reached trail's end in the west, and descended behind opal clouds above the hills. Below, the dark of the spruces of hedgerow and woodland were dusted with snow. Purple shadows were replacing the blue on the snowy fields. Evening was falling. We must, we said, go and turn on the outdoor Christmas-lights.

"Next year," Mack offered, joining us as we stood a moment in the yard to admire the display of colors, "we should get a Santa and his sleigh and team for a roof-top."

Next year? We reflected. Well, It was in the distance now, over the months ahead. But at any rate, this one, Christmas Day, 1962 had been exceedingly good.

Until tomorrow — — Diary—Goodnight. . .

Graham's Road WI Presents Life Membership

KENSINGTON — The 48th anniversary of Graham's Road W.I. was celebrated on Tuesday evening, December 4, in the form of a social evening held at the home of Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Ralph Wigmore.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a certificate and life membership to Mrs. Ray MacLeod, one of the surviving charter members of this institute. Mrs. MacLeod has an unbroken membership record of forty-eight years, and forty-eight years in an organization. She not only accomplished that honor, but has filled each year with a record of good service, and has given unstintingly of her time and talents for the advancement of any good cause for the welfare of the community.

Mrs. MacLeod was the first secretary treasurer of the Institute organized on December 4, 1914, and has held various offices through the years. she has served on the provincial executive as convenor of agriculture, and was the first secretary treasurer of the provincial drama festival.

A delicious lunch of sandwiches and ice cream and cakes was served by the members, topped off with a beautifully decorated birthday cake.

NORMAN-SCOTS NAME

The name Bruce of an old Scots family of Norman descent comes from Bruis, a town between Cherbourg and vallonges in France.

HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Jack Rawek of the Unitarian Services' Committee, Charlottetown division, announced Monday that the receiving depot and work headquarters in Charlottetown has been moved from the old Baptist Church hall on Prince Street to 160 Great George Street.

The move was necessitated, Mrs. Rawek said, because it was becoming too cold to work comfortably in the hall. She also announced that the new depot will be open every day to receive donations.

Miss Gloria Darrach, RN, has returned to her duties at the Prince ..dward Island Hospital after spending the Christmas holidays at her home in New Haven.

Ron Higgins of the RCAF, has returned to his base in Rockcliffe, Ont., having spent a month's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Higgins, Stanhope.

Cst. Benny Gallant of Rustico, left for Boston recently where he will spead New Year's with relatives and friends.

Dan MacDougall, who is with the Canadian Army in Victoria, B.C., arrived on Christmas night to spend a holiday with his mother, Mrs. Peter MacDougall, Tracadie Cross.

Reid Villett, student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, N.S., is spending holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Villett, Hampton.

Dr. Ian MacQuarrie, teacher at Dalhousie University in Halifax, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacQuarrie, Hampton. He was accompanied to the Island by his wife and family.

Miss Delia Pineau, student nurse at the Halifax Infirmary, spent Christmas at her home in Hope River.

J. Leo Pineau and Ronnie Doiron left on Thursday for Toronto, Ont. They were accompanied on the trip by George Proctor of Hunter River.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Cormier and Enid Pineau of Moncton, N.B. spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pineau, Hope River.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mooney, Boston, Mass. spent Christmas with their parents in Hope River and Iona.

CONCERTS ARE HELD

Park Corner School Pupils Hold Christmas Concert

On Tuesday evening, December 18, the teacher and pupils of Park Corner School held their Christmas concert in the French River Hall, with Ivan Paynter as chairman for the evening.

Following is the program; chorus by the school; welcome drill by seven juniors, monologue, "Sizin' up the Crowd," by Dale MacKay; recitation, "Daddy Darling" by Brenda Graham; song "Bedtime" by grades 1 and 2; skit, "Susie's Lesson" by Katherine Locke and Wayne Cousins; recitation, "Merry Christmas," by Doreen Paynter; song "Christmas" by nine pupils; dialogue "Millie and Billie New York," by Pamela Campbell and Betty Duggan; dance "I See You" by eight juniors; recitation "Christmas Memories" by Michael Pickets; dialogue, "Here Comes the Bride," by Elda Locke, Douglas MacKay, Wayne Bernard, Wendell Howatt and Keith Bernard; solo by Eric Howatt; skit "When I was Young," by Betty Duggan and Jocelyn Cousins; recitation "Not so Easy" by Glenn MacKay; "A Vicious Circle" by pupils; song "O Holy Night" by senior pupils; chorus "Drummer Boy," by senior pupils; recitation "When Pa Puts up the Tree" by Valerie MacKay; star drill by five seniors; dialogue "A Great Saving" by Gerald Bernard and Alberta MacLeod; song "It's beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas" by Betty Duggan, Marion Cousins, Alberta MacLeod and Alice Bernard; recitation "Auntie's Upper Plate" by Don Montgomery; monologue "A Bad Mixup: by Ivan Bernard; dance "Winter Wonderland" by eight girls; recitation "If I Was Santa Claus," Eric Howatt; dialogue "A Pain in the Side," George Campbell, Marion Cousins and Alice Bernard; Merry Christmas drill by fourteen pupils; closing chorus, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and closing recitation "Christmas Wishes" by Glenn MacKay.

Prizes were presented to the best actor and actress of the evening, Betty Duggan for her part in "When I was Young," and George "Campbell for his part in "A Pain in the Side."

Santa arrived and distributed gifts and treats to the teachers and pupils. The W.I. gave treats to the children of the district.

The program closed with the National Anthem.

BRACKLEY POINT

The Brackley Point school children presented their annual concert in Howes' Hall on Friday, December 21 with Mr. Edward MacCallum acting as chairman for the evening, and Mrs. Keith Bossett as the accompanist.

The following program was presented by the children: chorus by pupils "It Won't Be Long Till Christmas" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain"; welcome by Karen Skeffington and a "Merry Christmas exercise by the juniors: an exercise "The Story of Christmas" was presented by seven girls and five boys presented the exercise, "Our Presents"; duet "What Child Is This" by Sally Hughes and Joan MacCallum: solo, "Thy Little Ones Dear Lord Are We" by Faye Robinson; dialogue "rehearsal for the school concert" by the senior pupils; rhythm band selections by pupils.

Intermission was followed by a carol sing in which the audience participated. The program continues with a recitation by Douglas MacCallum; song "Mending Stockings" by the senior pupils; recitation "Santa's Present" by Shelly Shaw; solo "Frosty The Snowman" by Gary Robinson; piano solo, Charles Seaman; recitation, Bobby Roberts; dialogue, "Reducing" by the senior pupils; recitation, "Your Years Old" by Lynn Murray.

An operetta was presented with the solo parts being taken by Charles Seaman, Karen Skeffington, Lee Seaman, Linda Shaw, Faye Robinson. The carollers were the senior girls; A recitation was given by Debbie Marshall and the chorus was "Christmas Bells" and "Auld Lang Syne."

At the close of the program Santa arrived and distributed gifts and treats to the children and Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Boswell received gifts from the district. Santa was presented with a gift from the children.

STANLEY BRIDGE

Bobby MacKay was chairman for the Stanley Bridge school Christmas concert staged on Thursday night, December 20.

The address of welcome by Margaret MacEwen was followed by the chorus "O Come all Ye Faithful" by the school; recitation "Such a Good Boy," Harvey Carr; two act dialogue, "A Good Impression"; drill "Why I Like Christmas" by five pupils; duet "Susie Snowflake" Barbara Reid and Margaret MacEwen; dialogue "Dad's Quiet Evening"; solo, "Santa brought Me Choo Choo Trains," Matthew MacKay; recitation "Poor Dear Susie," Donna Fyfe; A holly drill, six girls; monologue, "Message to Santa Claus" Matthew MacKay: Rhythm Band, junior pupils; solo, "Put Christ Back in Christmas," Elizabeth Reid; dance, junior pupils; dialogue, "The Silent Hand"; duet, "Merry Christmas Polka, Maureen and Colleen Reid; recitation, "My Daddy Isn't Santa Claus," Phillip Gallant; chorus "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"; closing, Anne Reid.

Gifts were distributed by Santa.

NEW LONDON

On Wednesday afternoon, December 19, the teacher, Mrs. Fred Taylor and pupils of New London School, presented their Christmas concert in the school.

Following is the program; remarks by Wendell Burgoyne; chorus "Calling Santa Claus" by school pupils; welcome by Jane and Hillard Graham; dialogue "At the Dentist's" by Kenneth Pidgeon, Betty Lou Razavet and Wendell Burgoyne; "Bedtime Song" by Jane Graham; recitation by Faye MacEwen; monologue, "At the Movies" by Roger Cole; recitation by Nellie MacRae; duet, "Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer" by Nancy and David Cole; "Christmas Wishes" by George Burgoyne, Alan MacEwen and Garth MacEwen; recitation by Gloria Burgoyne, Christmas song by nine junior pupils; dialogue, "Fishermen" by Roger Cole and Kenneth Pidgeon; trio by Wendell Burgoyne, Roger Cole and Hillard Graham; monologue, "Fat Fanny Buys Shoes" by Betty Razavet; recitation by Billy Burgoyne; recitation "Night before Christmas" by nine junior pupils; song "Up on the House top; dialogue "A Man Arrives" by Betty Razavet, Marion Burgoyne and Hillard Graham; recitation by Wendell Burgoyne; closing chorus by pupils, "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Santa arrived and presented gifts to teacher and pupils.

SPRINGBROOK

On Friday evening, December 21, the teacher and pupils of Springbrook School held their annual Christmas concert in the French River Hall.

Following is the programs, remarks by the chairman, Mr. Elmer Paynter; opening chorus followed by a welcome by 11 pupils; dialogue "Hiding the Christmas Presents"; duet, "Little Donkey" by Vivian MacLeod and Elizabeth Paynter; recitation, Edythe Jollimore; exercise, "The Three Mailmen," Gordon Locke, Warren Meek and Leith Jollimore; round, "Dona Nobus Pacem" by senior pupils; dialogue "John has a Toothache"; tableau "Good King Wenceslas," solo parts taken by Fred Paynter and Wendell Meek; dance by Junior Pupils; recitation, Leith Jollimore; wreath drill by senior pupils; Operetta, "The Elves and the Shoemaker" by junior pupils with Betty Paynter as narrator; recitation, William Cole; pantomime, "Blue Monday"; song by junior pupils, dialogue "Serious Symptoms"; Rhythm Band by Junior pupils; Chorus, "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night," senior pupils; recitation, Vivian MacLeod, duet "Merry Christmas Polka" Hilda Pidgeon and Lola Meek; dialogue, "David Speaks his Piece; closing chorus, "Merry Christmas Bells" followed by closing recitation by Thelma Paynter.

Santa made a timely arrival and gave out presents, and treats from the Women's Institute.

HARVEY - NOYE NUPTIALS

Victoria West United Church was the scene of a pretty wedding recently when Rev. W.B. MacPhail united in marriage Myrtle Marjorie, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Noye of MacNeill's Mills, and Leonard Williams Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Cape Breton. Mrs. Eldon Millar of Tyne Valley was in charge of the wedding music and accompanied Mrs. Brookins, who sang "O Perfect Love" previous to the ceremony and "The Twenty-Third Psalm" during the signing of the register. Given in marriage by Mr. Milford Noye, the bride was lovely in her white floor length wedding gown with elbow length veil held in place with a crown of seed pearls. She carried a prayer book, toppped with a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Russell Ellis of East Bideford was matron of honor and Mr. Russell Ellis was best man. Messrs. Leslie Noye of MacNeill's Mills and George Lynch of Portage ushered the guests to their pews. Mrs. Noye chose for her daughter's wedding a blue dress with beige accessories and a corsage of pink roses. For the honeymoon trip to Cape Breton, the bride travelled in a dress of red with beige and brown accessories and a corsage of red roses. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will reside in Borden.

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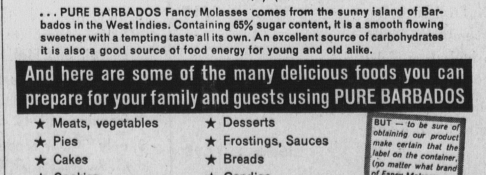

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MARY HAWORTH

Children Ask Questions About Divorced Mother

Dear Mary Haworth: Ten years ago I married a man with three children. Now we have three more and I am grateful for the harmony we have.

My husband's first wife was unfaithful and adjudged an unfit mother; that's why we have full custody of the children.

I've had no difficulty explaining the facts of life, death and even divorce to them, but the older children are pressing me for direct answers to questions about their mother, whom they see about three times a year.

She is dating many men, whom the children see during their visits. They ask why I don't date or have men friends drop in when Daddy is away on his overseas business trips.

I have explained that men friends of the family are just that, not special friends of mine, and that married people don't date others. The eldest girl, nearing dating-age, asked if Daddy divorced mother because she dated many men. I said "Yes," without thinking, and am afraid now that I shouldn't have.

I am a bit tired of protecting her name, however, and feel the time has come to decide on a policy — either lay the truth on the line or fib outright, protectively. A minister once told me never to belittle the mother as it would cause the children to develop an unhealthy attitude towards women and mothers.

What should I say?

They know the divorce came about because "Mother and Daddy weren't happy together," but now they really want to know why their parents weren't happy and why they—the children —don't live with her and a stepfather.

Most of their friends whose parents are divorced live with a mother and stepfather. Only when the real mother has died do they live with a stepmother.

K. G.

Dear K. G.: It is well that the children feel free to voice their speculative queries to you. It relieves them of a certain amount of emotional tension that otherwise might go underground in silence, to foment neurotic personality problems.

Openhearted, trustful children are disposed to feel that they've been hospitably treated when adults give truthful straight-out replies to questions that can't be factually answered at the times. Thus, in your shoes, trying to abide by the pastor's wise advice, I think I would say, in effect, to the older children, that I just wasn't there when their mother and daddy were having problems that led to their divorce.

You might add, in reassuring expansiveness, so as not to sound curt, squeamish or uncomfortable, that "Mother and Daddy are the only ones who would really know what caused them to part. Others may claim to know, or think they know, but in fact they don't know. Outsiders never fully understand a family's innermost feelings. And gossipy, unkind people, who like to talk about other people's misfortunes, understand least of all."

Go on to suggest sensibly: "So it might be a good idea to ask Mother or Daddy for an explanation some day. I am sure they will want you to understand, when they feel you are old enough to, though they may not be very happy to talk about it, since it is always a sad thing when parents part for any reason."

The therapeutic value of this candid, discursive, non-specific, genulnely charitable answer is that it takes the children's wonderment out of the hush-hush category and helps them assimilate their mixed-up status, and their mother's imbalance, in a less troubled spirit.

Their hearts will be lightened by the very simplicity of your sympathetic, unintrusive respect for the privacy of other lives. You will be giving them the pitch of how to live and let live in the face of human frailty.

However, this brand of delicacy applies only to questions touching on their mother's honor. When they ask questions inviting guidance on right-versus-wrong, you must give clean-cut, positive, explicit answers. If you say something is wrong and they reply "But mother does it," your answer must be: "Then mother is wrong, in my opinion." M.H.

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

ANCIENT SPORT

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