

# Women

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## HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Margaret Ready left recently for a two month holiday to Ottawa and Shilo, Manitoba. Mrs. Ready will be the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, F.L. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family in Ottawa, and in Shilo she will visit with Captain and Mrs. W.J. Ready and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Spinney, Elliot, Maine, returned to their home after visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Graham Gamester and many friends and relatives on P.E.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hartlen, So-East Passage, N.S., spent a holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, Breadalbane.

Mrs. Gené Szalay, Montreal, (nee Hilda Ferguson), arrived home to spend her holidays with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferguson, of this city.

The Ladies Auxiliary Y.M.C.A. held a short meeting at the "Y" on Thursday afternoon, September 10th, with the president, Mrs. Burgess presiding. The secretary's and Treasurer's reports were duly accepted. A report was read from the buying committee and correspondence read from absent members. Mr. Evans secretary of the "Y" spoke of the forthcoming Maritime "Y" convention which will be held over Thanksgiving week-end. The Auxiliary decided to cater for four meals to approximately 200 young people at that time. After further discussion re catering to Y's Men's regular supper meetings, the meeting closed with the "Mizpah Benediction".

## MARY HAWORTH

### Mother-In-Law Must Learn To Stand On Her Own Feet

Dear Mary Haworth: My mother-in-law is a very sweet, warm, wonderful woman, and my husband and I love her dearly.

She has led a hard life as wife to a drunkard and mother of five children. Recently she inherited some money and a family house that will enable her to end her financial dependency and get a divorce. But still she will need much help in maintaining the home, and has asked us to move in with her.

Ted and I have one child a year old, and are expecting our second. Moving in with Mother would mean much inconvenience and little privacy for everyone—as she has three younger children too. And, sweet as she is, I'm not raising these children as I would mine.

Her children haven't been taught to respect her authority, and thus do almost anything they wish. They have no responsibilities at home and generally she has little control over them.

#### SELFISH TO REFUSE?

It will mean a long stay if we move, and I fear that my children may follow the pattern set by hers. Being almost uninvited her children keep the house in a shambles, and Mother isn't overly zealous in picking up after them. I don't like to live that way.

I want to help as best I can, to give her the chance at independence and happiness she deserves; but must I sacrifice my family and our way of life to it? I feel very selfish asking this, considering the heartaches and trials she's had to bear. But am I wrong in putting my family first?

ly promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer. The monetary reimbursement received during the summer assists the students in paying for the following year's university tuition.

This was Pat's second year with the URTP, having spent last summer with the R.C.A.F. Recruiting Unit at Halifax, N.S. While at North Bay she was employed as Assistant Personnel Administrative Officer, F.C. Poitiger will be returning to SDU to take junior year arts.

Please tell me: I don't know what to think. G.S.

#### PROPOSITION ISN'T PRUDENT

Dear G.S.: The situation reminds me of the saying: "You may strike the fetters from the slave but you can't make him a free man." It is the spirit of the person that spells the difference between dependency of character or self-reliance, when circumstances permit a degree of autonomy.

You ask: Is it selfish to want to keep your family life disengaged, for sound reasons, from your mother-in-law's household? In my opinion, your foresight in the matter is more wise and constructive than selfish. In contrast, her proposition truly is selfish, in a self-centered "me first" habit of thinking.

As your mother-in-law has three young children, she can't be older than middle-aged. And if she has inherited a house and some money (even a little) she has a backlog of capital with which to begin to develop sufficiency. She can't make a logical case for getting your household involved in her living arrangements — just to use your husband as a prop, and partner of sorts, in her scheme of things.

#### TWO HANDICAPS

In trying to think your way through, to a right and sure answer, you are handicapped by two factors, probably: First, by a natural inclination to want to please an in-law who might be able to help you economically. Second, by a genuinely fond feeling for this very sentimental-type woman, who plays upon sympathies, with sweetness of manner, while weakly creating problems for herself and others.

If Ted's mother were aged, ailing or penniless, your duty would be plain, to shelter her. But all things considered, as of now, she has a duty to others concerned, to stand on her own feet as a woman.

For example, if there is room enough in her house for your family, she might use that same space to accommodate boarders. Or have it made into a separate apartment, as a source of in-



MACLEAN - RODD WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton MacLean following their wedding on August 8th in the Port Hill Anglican Church. The bride is the former Wanda Rodd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Rodd of Northam and

the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin MacLean of Summerside. Rev. M.J. Findley performed the ceremony. (Photo by Heckbert)

## ROLLO BAY

Mr. and Mrs. Aiden Peters, and son Joseph and granddaughter, Sheryl O'Neil, Gloucester, Mass., left on return home on Saturday after a short but very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Rollo Bay and Souris West, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Peters.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 3, members of the Little Pond Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Christian, Rollo Bay, who were former residents of Little Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carpenter, Smith Falls, Ont., were recent visitors to the Island. While here they were visitors at the Sea View Hotel, Souris.

The members of Souris West Women's Institute held their annual banquet at Chaissons Restaurant on Tuesday evening, September 1st.

Mr. Freddie Deveau, Maynard Mass., and friend Charles Landry motored to the Island for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKinnon and baby daughter, Dorchester, Mass., are visiting at Mr. MacKinnon's former home in Bear River.

Too, she might get a job, full time or part time; and her children might stop at your place, after school, until she gets home. That would be doing you part to help her along. M.H.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garneau, Franklin, N.H., also Mrs. John Paté, O'Leary, visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dunbar, Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coffin and young son Paul, are visiting Mrs. Coffin's parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dunbar, Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green, and children, Eleanor, Billy and Richard, Everett, Mass., recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Barbour and family, Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jeffery and two children, also Mr. Albert Jeffery and Miss Jefferdun Jeffery of Summerside, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Jeffery, Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horne and two daughters, Trenton, N.S. recently visited Mrs. Joseph Dunbar and family.

Mr. Joseph Kinch has returned to his home in Indiana after visiting relatives in Tignish and Alma.

Mrs. Jack Nesbit and children Saint John, N.B., returned to their home after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John E. Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kinch, Halifax, N.S. recently visited Mr. Frank Kinch and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kelly, Alma.

Mrs. Edward Spenceuk, Windsor, Ont., has returned to her home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dunbar, Montrose. Miss Marie Shea student nurse

in the Charlottetown Hospital, returned to her duties after spending her vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Irene Shea of Montrose. D.

## MISCOUCHE

Mrs. Eddie Gallant and son Blair left by plane for Montreal after having spent some time in Miscouche, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis MacMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Doucette of Halifax, N.S., spent Labor Day weekend in Miscouche, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Perry.

Mrs. Florence MacNeill recently left for Regina after having spent some time in Miscouche visiting at the home of Mrs. Fred D. MacNeill.

Mrs. Alex Gallant of Wellington, visited at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D.H. Gallant, Miscouche on Wednesday.

Leo DesRoches of Charlottetown was guest of his sister Ms. Tilmont E. DesRoches, Miscouche, over the weekend.

Mrs. Eulalie Arsenault of Miscouche recently visited in Wellington, guest of her son Archie Arsenault.

Bella Gaudet of Miscouche left on Tuesday for Charlottetown, where she entered the Charlottetown School of nursing.

Fay Williams left by plane recently for her home in Toronto after having spent the summer

months visiting in Miscouche and Summerside.

Miscouche High School opened on Tuesday, Sept. 8, with a large enrolment.

On Monday evening a bingo bingo was sponsored by the Miscouche C.W.L. A large crowd attended and a good sum was realized. D.M.

## CAPSULE RETURNED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The test model space capsule fired from Cape Canaveral, Fla., Wednesday came back to earth in "excellent condition" after a sky ride simulating many of the conditions a man in orbit will encounter. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced the findings Friday after an examination of the capsule, recovered far out in the Atlantic.

## NEW CONSUL-GENERAL

MONTREAL (CP)—Juan Luis Orentes Luna, a 45-year-old lawyer with 10 years experience in international politics, Friday took over the post of Guatemalan consul-general in Montreal.



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## MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HARRY CREGHTON Couple Wed In Ceremony At Tryon Baptist Church

A pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. E.J. Barrass, D.D., in the Baptist Church, Tryon, on August 27 at 2.30 p.m. when Joan Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Boutler, Victoria, became the bride of Robert Harry Crichton, son of Mrs. Frank A. Crichton, of Toronto, Ontario.

Mrs. Allison Lea was organist and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. John Schiller. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion with baskets of summer flowers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her floor length wedding gown of white nylon with lace trim. The long veil was held in place by a matching headpiece, and she carried a white Bible with a corsage of sweethearts roses.

Miss Sylvia M. Boutler, was her sister's maid of honor, Miss Betty J. Boutler, sister and Miss Joyce Canfield, cousin, were bridesmaids and were gowned in blue nylon. They carried bouquets of white carnations. Miss Kathy

Flemans as flower girl, was gowned in blue nylon and carried a basket of sweet pea.

Mr. Ralph Flemans was the best man, while Messrs. Stan Evans and Charles Boutler, brother of the bride, ushered the guests to their pews.

Mrs. Boutler chose for her daughter's wedding a brown dress with light tan accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations. The groom's mother was attired in a rose lace dress with matching accessories and a corsage of rose carnations.

A reception was held at Birch Hill Lodge.

For the honeymoon trip the bride wore a blue and white dress with matching blue coat and white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

(Photo by Heckbert Studio)

## ELLEN'S DIARY

### Visitors Enjoy The Island's Quiet Charm

"A good day!" the younger farmer from the house across the lane hailed us over the yard this morning.

"Lovely, just what folks have been wishing for!" we said.

Clean and fresh and full of promise it was, promise of good harvesting or threshing, or the digging which needs just such a day sun-kist and dry as was this one. A drift of starlings flew by with a rustle of wings and settled on the aftermathed field by the orchard; crows called from fields up the rise. Their was an airiness in the wings and a blitheness in the calls. After a spell of overcast skies and showers it was good to come to sunny weather again.

"Can't commence to cut yet for a while", the younger farmer offered "this dew will have to lift".

And the reaping came and the stacking, last sheaves being set tied after supper at Rob's with a young moon and old stars looking down on the harvesters. And a wide peace over the farmlands.

We eat idly on the old sandstone doorstep in the afterglow to await their homing. Listening for the tramp of horses' hooves of former harvests in the lane or at the water-trough by the pump in the yard, forgetful for the moment that machines were now their bearers the horses idle in the fields and no trace of the trough of hollowed log left about.

Below in the valley the old spruces were already in shadow, but the heights above reflected the brightness of the afterglow. It pointed up the new green of the haylands and touched caressingly the shades of the harvest.

The far hills were veiled in purple haze. And then, as we waited there, dusk came down gently, putting our world about to rest. These days are pleasant for those vacationists who come, it may be only to stop briefly, or perhaps to linger longer enjoying the Island's quiet charm.

A native of the district, kin to James, on a visit to the old farmstead of his people and now turned southward toward his chosen home, came by to visit a while yesterday to recall many an adventure with James out of their schooldays together. And chuckles were boyish over those times now long past.

And a pair rooted in Island soil and for years residing in the States and also of kin, came this evening to chat with us of the young years, and to bridge that lengthy interval of five years, which had elapsed since their last visit-home. How clearly the former scenes returned to mind nor have they lost any of the enchantment of those young and

golden days.

We talk over our guests with Granddaughter, who piecing out her history thus, absorbs much we can appreciate from such contacts.

"I liked her!" she said.

"Everyone does—have since she was a little girl!" we nodded.

"She was always kind and thoughtful, happy-hearted and good."

"He..." granddaughter began.

"A good fellow!" James said heartily, "none better or more sincere. I mind when we were boys together..."

And good it is to meet again the kin and old friends—and all Islanders abroad—come to holiday briefly or it may be to remain longer, revisiting the remembered scenes and folks of their youth.

Until tomorrow — — Diary — — Good-night.



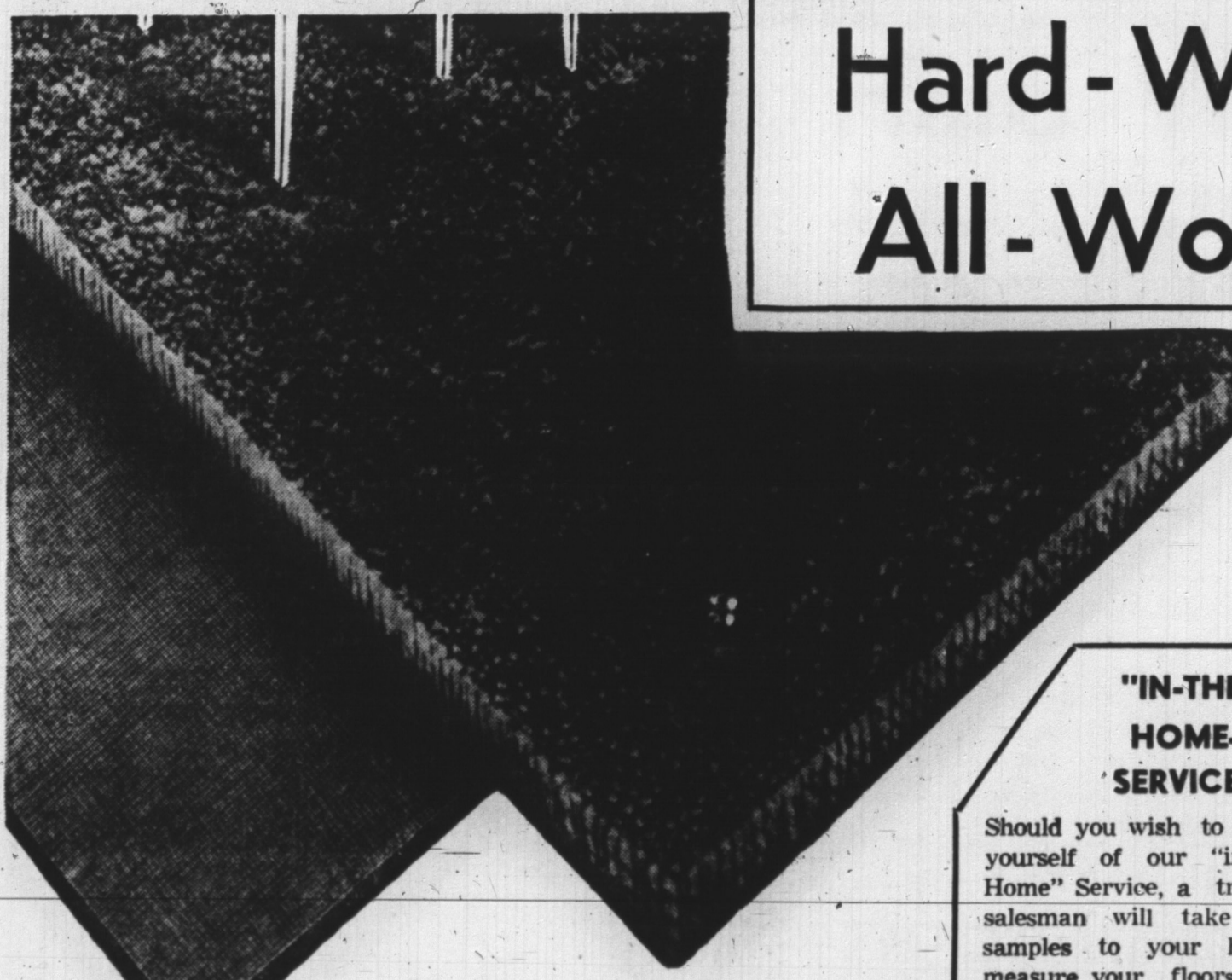
F/C PAT PAIRIER

## SUMMER COURSE

St. Dunstan's University student, Flight Cadet Pat Poirier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poirier, Miscouche, P.E.I., has recently returned home after having spent her summer vacation at R.C.A.F. station North Bay, employed under the R.C.A.F. University Reserve Training Plan. The URTP began in October, 1948 to provide an annual flow of university trained officers into the Regular and Reserve components of the R.C.A.F. University candidates who enroll with this plan are employed at various R.C.A.F. units across the country during the summer months and their assigned duties are normally in keeping with their university courses. During the first three years of summer training the students hold the rank of Flight Cadet and are subsequent-

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