



DUFFY - KACK NUPTIALS

Theresa's Roman Catholic daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kack, Valcartier, Quebec. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Duffy, Village Green, Prince Edward Island. Photo by Bert Leufkens.

MRS. GORDON MacMILLAN

A COUNTRY GARDEN

CLOVER
By Margaret MacDonald
I think God smiled and the sky was blue.
While the earth was bathed with diamond dew.
That morning the first red clover grew.
I think God smiled, and at break of day
He chose the sun's most gorgeous ray.
And painted the clover where it lay.
I think God smiled, but not content.
He took the song that a wee bird sent.
And its fragrance to the clover lent.
I think God smiled. His task complete.
While the clover played about His feet.
This is a prize winning poem in the Poetry Contest conducted by the Women's Institute and I asked permission of the poetess to share it with you. I have heard from many of you, how much you enjoy poetry and the Women's Institute is doing a good work in the encouraging of its writing. December is a time for writing and reading of poetry and a book of poetry is a splendid Christmas gift.
This Christmas week is a very busy, happy time with the children gathering Christmas Greens and in our Province we are sure of all we need in the country at any rate by going to the woods or even on some lane side. The countryside resembles a huge Christmas card with so many evergreen trees and after a light snowfall what could be lovelier? The folk who have moved to southern climes always remember these scenes at the Christmas season and think with longing of home. There is something merrier and far more in the spirit of Christmas about one home-wrought green than there is in all the purchased wreaths that money can buy. The home-cut tree has a place of its own in our hearts. There is a feel about it, a sensing of the Christmas pageant, a rite to be performed in the cutting of it and the drawing of it home, in the home, in the momemad trimming of it, that give significance and meaning.
AS DECORATIONS
You can use your house plants

To decorate for the Christmas Season and the Christmas Cactus is sometimes the only house plant in bloom at this season. A large specimen is really spectacular when flowers, mostly in shades of red, appear at the tips of the many leaf-like stems, usually from November to January. In its native Brazil, the Christmas cactus would be found perched high in the trees but as a house plant it is kept in a small pot in a soil mixture of one-third loam, one-third leaf mould and one-third sand. An east or west window seems to be the one to decorate with this plant. There is about as much conflicting advice on growing Christmas cactus as there is on growing African violets and many wonderfully large plants covered with flowers are to be seen. One of the joys of Christmas comes from the decorations we put up in our homes to celebrate this happy season. Especially interesting variations may be had by combining Christmas accessories with house plants and cut plant material from the woods. First of all, it is neither wise nor necessary to move your house plants elsewhere. Rather work with them where they are, since they provide a basic green background, and remember that indoors or out, green provides the ideal background around which to work.
FROM THE FIRST
It takes but little delving into the realm of tradition and the steenhouse of history to realize that plants played a significant part in the first Christmas. Did not the Wise Men bring frankincense and myrrh as gifts to the Christ Child? These aromatic resins, noted for their delightful fragrance, are derived from woody plants. From the earliest records, we learn of other more familiar plants, which have come to be associated with this greatest of festive days. In our desire to carry on this ageless tradition, we seek for new plants to use at Christmas and novel ways in which to display them. As gardeners, we delight in those that are exotic, but we are becoming increasingly aware of the common things that grow in our gardens or along the roadside. Millions of people all over the world will make Christmas garlands of many kinds, and each and every one will be a symbol of the Christmas



FABULOUS COSTUME JEWELRY

By Tracy Adrian
These jewels were designed for evening elegance and are pictured worn with chic in the Parisian manner. They appear, here, as the perfect complement to a black formal evening dress.
Shown dramatically above the neckline is an impressive jeweled collar combining emeralds, Madeira topazes, smoky topazes and Aurora Borealis. Wide flexible bracelets, repeating the necklace's many tones, are paired off the wrist for dual fashion excitement while stone-set finger rings drop from buttons on the ears.

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Correspondence was read by the secretary. There was a letter from Walter Baker, director of Protestant Welfare Bureau, thanking W. I. for donation sent and informing W. I. it was to be used in helping some person in Queen's county, outside the Charlottetown area. There was also a letter from the T. B. League. It was moved and seconded \$5 be sent to the T. B. League.
School committee reported soap and compass and protractor were bought. Mrs. Melville Bell also reported on the cost of wiring school. It was moved and seconded by Mrs. Holms that enough money be taken out of funds to cover cost of wiring the school.
It was decided to get treats for children at Christmas. Also moved by Mrs. Shaw that candy be sold at Christmas concert. New committees: Lunch, Mrs. Holm, Miss Charlotte MacKay and Mrs. Myron Shaw Program, Mrs. Gordon Holm, School, Mrs. Gordon Holm, Sick, Mrs. Myron Shaw and Mrs. Gordon Holm.

Mrs. Ivan MacKinnon kindly invited the members to her home for the January meeting. Roll call to be answered by a "New Years Resolution". A contest was put on by Mrs. Russel MacLean followed by an auction with Mrs. Gordon Holms as Auctioneer. The sum of \$6.10 was realized. Meeting closed by singing the Queen followed by a dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by committee.

Season as were the frankincense and myrrh nearly two thousand years ago.

IN THE HOLY LAND

In the Bible Lands, the Garden Editor of the Christian Science Monitor writes of the flowers she saw on a recent trip to the Holy Land, actually, the Holy Land a-bounds in wild flowers and flowering trees. In the courtyards of ancient mosques in Cairo and Damascus, marigolds, zinnias, morning glories, lantana, althea and hibiscus flourish. With the tree-planting program under way in most of the Bible lands, the pines, tamarisks, cedars and other familiar trees are now holding their own on hills that have long been barren. Thus, this hallowed landscape is being restored to its one-time wooded beauty. When Isaiah prophesied that the desert would rejoice and "blossom as the rose" when Elijah came in the wilderness and when Jesus advised his listeners to consider the "lilies of the field" these are not the flowers and trees that we of the western world know by these names.

If you want to see flowers in the Holy Land, at the time your visit with the winter rains—November to April. Even with the wide-spread irrigation and tree-planting projects going courageously forward, the land in modern Israel and elsewhere is still rock-ribbed and barren, for a summer months are incredibly hot and dry. With November how and come the "former rains". Then in truth the mountains and the hills "break forth into singing" and all the trees of the field "clap their hands".

Carpets of wild flowers swiftly clothe bleak hillside; trees come into flower; fields become dotted with bluebloom. This small but ancient region includes mountain and valley, desert and swampland, rich coastal plain and the steaming "jungle" of the lower Jordan. Nowhere else in the world, is there such a wide variety of verdure—from tropical to alpine. Everywhere in the Holy Land we found narcissus growing wild. A favorite since Old Testament days, it is cherished for its sweetness and abundance. Bunches in water glasses filled my hotel room with perfume. Its name is translated as "rose" in Isaiah and the Song of Solomon, but elsewhere it may be one of the "lilies". Lebanon is the fruit basket of the Middle east. Along the coast, with the deep blue of the Mediterranean beyond, the shores are green with banana, apricot, orange lemon and grapefruit groves. We can stop at a roadside roadside stands to eat freshly picked tangerines dripping with juice, the fragrance of the blossoming trees was deliciously sweet. Spread over the sides of the hills, too, were the gray-green olive groves, which were bearing their precious fruit. An olive tree is said never to die, for it sends up new shoots from century-old roots. In the Garden of Gethsemane, there are several which, according to tradition, date from the time of Jesus. Men, women and children were everywhere harvesting the olives exactly as described in the Testament. While some would climb the trees and knock the olives down by shaking them, others would gather them into huge baskets. Workers resting for lunch in the shade presented indeed a pastoral scene suitable for a Biblical painting. Always I think of the hillside, pink and blue with lupines and "lilies of the field" while little white six-pointed Bethlehem stars in the grass never fail to take me back to this wonderful land of the First Christmas.

WIFE PRESERVERS

Soft but close-pile, therefore warm wool, cooly interlined does well as a good dressmaker coat for town wear on all but very cold days. It is trimmed with a small but charming rolled collar of natural ranch mink. Sleeves and yoke are cut in one for a soft line. Inverted tucks above the waist are released and unpressed pleats below the self belt. Impressive in its well-bred simplicity.

Smart Cloth Coat

BY VERA WINSTON
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Relief Felt When Dior's Spring Collection Revealed

By SYLVIA HACK
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP) — There were sighs of relief in the London fashion world when Christian Dior's spring collection was unveiled. Hemlines weren't as low as some had feared.
Three months ago fashion dictators Dior advocated demi-longueur skirts—ankle length. There was apprehension about this new collection, totalling 84 models. Then came the relief—the models included only three ankle-length gowns, and they were reserved for evening wear.
Nevertheless, Dior still appears to be pushing the idea of lengthening all skirts just one inch. His regulation hemline today is 14 to 15 inches from the ground.
TOPICAL NOTE
The mass-circulation Daily Sketch, striking a topical note, says "practical Dior has abandoned the longer skirts because of the British petrol crisis."
When he launched the ankle-length skirt last summer he wanted women to look more lady-like and help bring back the feeling of a more leisurely age. He decided against it for the time being, says the Sketch, because the "idea doesn't tie up with a petrol shortage with queuing for buses

and what are virtually wartime conditions."
However, Dior's latest collection is essentially feminine. Lines are curved and rounded. Shoulder lines are set low.
Dior says brilliant flame will be the foremost spring color with rose, lilac, bright navy and "whisky" tones as runners-up.
There is a silver-grey two-piece called "Canada"—no reason given for the name which has a boat neckline dress and button-up jacket.
One ankle-length dinner gown is in emerald green satin. The dress dips at the back of the ankles but is raised slightly in front. It has a petal-shaped bodice with straps and a narrow tie-belt.
Reminiscent of Victorian Garden parties is one in clear white lace. It has an off-shoulder scalloped neckline and a deep red rose pinned at the waist.
Dior's coat still bears the magnet line, with sleeves set from a low shoulder line puffing into fullness and caught into a tight cuff. Suits retain the busy style of skirts with unpressed front pleats and jackets are really cropped short. There is a choice of waistlines. They are either raised, fitted or sometimes natural with a belt.

Shoppers Find Christmas Tree Prices Have Gone Up

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Shoppers are finding out that Christmas tree prices, like most prices, have gone up.
A Canadian Press survey indicates that prices across Canada are from 20 to 25 cents higher than last year, but that the quality of trees is generally better.
Growers are taking more pains to ensure attractive, sturdy trees, but rising transportation and labor costs have forced retail prices to an all-time high. Trees are selling at anywhere from \$1 to \$20 and the average, five-foot tree is priced at \$2 to \$3.
Estimates that more than 16,000,000 young pine, spruce and fir trees have been cut in the last few weeks indicate that 1956 will be a record year for the \$8,000,000 industry.
CUTTING COSTS
Cutting of the 1956 harvest began in late October, and cutters have been earning as much as \$40 a day in some areas, although their wages, as determined by contracts, are usually from \$10 to \$20 a day.
Domestic consumption has remained fairly constant in the last few years, but a booming export market, which has nearly doubled in the last seven years, is taking more than 13,000,000 trees from Canada this year. Most of these trees will go to the United States which receives about one third of its Christmas trees from this country, but exporters have already reported shipments as far south as Mexico and Cuba.

Improvement in the growing and marketing of Christmas trees. Growers now are pruning the trees in the summer to stimulate hardy, symmetrical growth, and spraying operations are conducted to control insects as with other large cash crops.
Retailers report a growing popularity of trees sprayed with various compounds, producing fire-proof trees of many other shades than the natural green. The spraying also helps the trees to retain their needles after they begin to dry out.
The growth of the industry has caused provincial governments to take a new interest. Quebec now has a restocking program aimed at providing 5,500,000 new trees each year, and Ontario officials estimate that 15,000,000 Scotch pine seedlings were planted this year alone.
In Alberta, the provincial government has allowed for the first time the cutting of trees on crown lands. Cutters obtained permits and paid dues of from three to nine cents for every tree they cut.

COOK'S CORNER

GINER SNAPS
1 cup molasses
1 tsp. soda
1/2 cup white sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
1 tsp. ginger
3 cups flour
Mix molasses, sugar, ginger and shortening and stir over fire until the shortening is melted. Sift soda and flour together and stir into above mixture. Knead the dough until smooth, working in 1/2 cup additional flour. Chill a few hours. Roll very thin and bake in moderate oven. This is a good recipe for making gingerbread men.

MORNING SMILE

Teacher—Now, in France, any little boy can grow up to be premier—and most of them do.

TIGNISH CONVENT

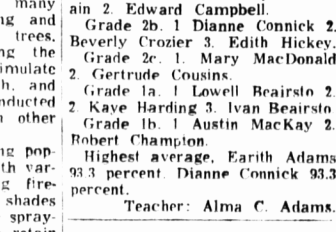
The following is the honor roll for November of the Tignish Convent.
Grade 11. 1. Phyllis Myers 2. Ethel Williams 3. Joyce Mokier and Doreen Harper.
Grade 10. 1. Janette McCarthy 2. Peggy Shea 3. Patricia Gaudet.
Grade 9. 1. Shirley Blanchard 2. Ann Marie McAldoff 3. Alice Gaudet.
Grade 8. 1. Bruce Phee 2. Edward Fitzgerald 3. Leonard Hogan.
Grade 7. 1. Freda McPhee 2. Catherine McHugh 3. Dora Gavin.
Grade 7. 1. Philip MacDonald and Elmer Perry, Leo Gaudet. 2. Roger Smythe 3. Reggie Porter.
Grade 6. 1. Edward Gallant 2. Lucy Conway 3. Frankie Doucette.
Grade 4. 1. Elaine Myers 2. Mary Handrahan 3. Paisy Brodwick.
Grade 3. 1. Ann Marie Gaudet and Ruth Gallant 2. Andrea Paturel 3. Elmer Arsenault.
Grade 3. 1. Frances McRae 2. Colin Arsenault 3. June Mallette.
Grade 2. 1. Curt Phee 2. Gail DesRoches 3. Stella Gavin.
Grade 2. 1. Stella Arsenault 2. Janet Trainor 3. Robert Boyce.

DARNLEY SCHOOL

Grade 10. 1. Roger Cousins 2. Dale Pickering 3. Dorothy Connick.
Grade 9. 1. John Cousins 2. Robert Cousins 3. Doris Connick.
Grade 8. 1. Mildred Thompson 2. Marian Pickering 3. Margaret Pickering.
Grade 7. 1. Wendell Mountain 2. George Mountain.
Grade 6. 1. Wayne Bearisto 2. Boyd Crozier 3. Phyllis Crozier.
Highest average, Mildred Thompson.
Principal: Margaret B. Cousins.
Grade 5. 1. Faye Bearisto 2. Marjorie Campbell 3. Wayne Crozier.
Grade 4. 1. Earith Adams 2. Florence Cousins 3. Earle Hickey.
Grade 3a. 1. Carol Hickey 2. Garth Wall 3. Barbara Hickey and Paul Harding (equal).
Grade 3b. 1. William MacKay 2. Edward Campbell.
Grade 2a. 1. Dorothy Mountain 2. Edith Connick 2. Beverly Crozier 3. Edith Hickey.
Grade 2b. 1. Mary MacDonald 2. Gertrude Cousins.
Grade 1a. 1. Lowell Bearisto 2. Kaye Harding 3. Ivan Bearisto.
Grade 1b. 1. Austin MacKay 2. Robert Champion.
Highest average, Earith Adams 93.3 percent. Dianne Connick 93.3 percent.
Teacher: Alma C. Adams.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Wash dark cottons separately so they won't pick up lint.



IF YOU DRIVE.. DRINK TEA

Wash dark cottons separately so they won't pick up lint.

KENSINGTON W. M. S.

The regular monthly meeting of the Kensington Auxiliary of the United Church W. M. S. met on Wednesday afternoon, December 5, with the president, Mrs. Alexander MacKay presiding, and leading the Devotional Period.
Mrs. W. C. MacLeod reported that the Thankoffering amounted to \$107, and the November offering \$11. The program committee for January will be Mrs. William Proffitt, Mrs. Ernest MacEwen and Mrs. Horace Glover. Mrs. Harry Brown was appointed to represent the W. M. S. on the Official Board.
Notice was received that the Presbyterial will be held in Summerside on January 22-23. Mrs. Brookins read a letter acknowledging the receipt of the Overseas parcel sent to headquarters. It was decided to present gifts for the Halifax Port Work on Sunday morning, December 16.
Mrs. Ernest MacEwen checked on the number of books read and Mrs. George Dugan reported that 41 Home Calls, 10 Hospital calls had been made, 11 treats and 39 cards sent during the month. Appropriate readings were given by the Citizenship and Stewardship secretaries, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. W. G. Simpson.
Mrs. P. J. Kennedy gave the report of the nominating committee. The following nominating committee was appointed for 1957: Mrs. Dan MacKenzie, Mrs. P. J. Kennedy, Mrs. Ernest MacEwen.
An effective Christmas candle lighting ceremony was carried out by the President with several members lighting candles to represent Burma, Korea, New Guinea, Canada, Hong Kong and Malaya. The tall candle in the centre was a symbol of the Light that is in Christ and the smaller ones symbolizing the universal kinship of those who have received a measure of this Light into themselves.

MONTAGUE W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Montague Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lester MacLeod Tuesday evening, December 4th, with the president, Mrs. Albert Fraser, in the chair.
The meeting opened with the Mary Stewart Collect repeated in unison. The correspondence and minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Geo. Nicholson, and the financial report was read by Mrs. K. E. Clark.
A report from the committee in charge of soliciting funds for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind showed that several collectors had not completed their canvass. Mrs. MacLeod, convener of the School committee, reported that two large globes and several smaller items had been purchased for the school and the teachers present expressed their appreciation. An interesting report of the officer training school held in November was given by the president. It was also reported that Red Cross sewing and knitting had been ordered and would be distributed before the next meeting.
A donation of \$5.00 was voted towards the Tuberculosis League, and a book from Mrs. Florence Rose, Lakeside, was purchased. Plans were discussed for sponsoring a pantry sale in January.
At the close of the meeting a social hour featured an exchange of Christmas gifts and lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Duncan McIntyre and Mrs. Roy Gillis.

FORTUNE HEAD SCHOOL

The following is the report for the month of November of Fort-

use Head School.

Grade 9. 1. June MacDonald.
Grade 7. 1. Garnet MacDonald.
Grade 5. 1. Alice MacDonald 2. Owen MacDonald 3. Doris Blaisdell.
Grade 3a. 1. Judy Schurman.
Grade 3b. 1. Audrey MacDonald 2. Clara Schurman.
Grade 1. 1. Heber Ross and George Schurman 2. Sheila Brown 3. Eileen Brown, Flora Ross, and Bernice Blaisdell.
Teacher: Mrs. Ethel Conway.

TRUCK KILLS 10

RECIFE, Brazil (AP)—Ten migratory farm workers died Thursday night in a truck collision near Victoria de Santo Atilio in northeastern Brazil. A truck carrying the workers hit another loaded with gasoline. The gasoline truck did not catch fire. Thirty workers were injured.

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