

Women

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HAPPENINGS

Rev. and Mrs. David Barwise of Kennecook, Nova Scotia, and little daughter, Joy, were visitors to the province. They have been guests of Mr. Barwise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwise, North River Road, and other members of the family.

Miss Margaret Fleming of the Bureau of Statistics, Federal Government, Ottawa, who motored to Prince Edward Island several weeks ago returned on September first. Miss Fleming, who is a daughter of the late Dr. J. E. Fleming, Stanley Bridge, was visiting Mrs. J. E. Fleming and family, Hillsboro Street.

Mrs. P. J. Mooney, Kent Street, entertained the members of the Fleming family at Lake View Lodge, Cavendish, Sunday at a family party. In addition to the Fleming family, Mrs. John Molloy of Wollaston, Mass., was a welcome guest. Covers were laid for ten.

Miss Betty MacDonald, R.N., whose marriage takes place in the near future to Dr. Cairns

was the guest of honor at an evening party given by Mrs. (Dr.) J. E. Fleming. Those assisting Mrs. Fleming were Miss Margaret Fleming and Miss Hazel MacDonald.

Miss Marion F. Clark, R.N., morning to visit with relatives and friends in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. E. Farnham Greene, who has been spending several weeks the guest of her brother-in-law, Dr. H. H. Shaw and at the Dundee Apts., is now at Stanhope Beach Inn for the autumn season.

Mrs. Harold Corbet and her daughter Lillian, who have been visiting on the Island for the past two weeks, left Wednesday morning for Dartmouth, N. B. From there they will return home by plane.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Corbet's mother, Mrs. Edgar Easter, Hampshire, who will visit in Halifax with her grand daughter, Mrs. Richard Vatcher and Mr. Vatcher.



MR. AND MRS. W. V. CUM MINGS AND ATTENDANTS

Double Ring Ceremony Solemnized At Mermaid

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride on August 3rd at 3 p.m. when Mable Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James MacEachern, Mermaid, P.E.I., was united in marriage to Willard Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cummings, Charlottetown.

Rev. Harold Brown officiated at the double ring ceremony. The wedding music was beautifully rendered by Miss Deanna Matheson, girl friend of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked lovely in a ballerina length gown of white nylon net with lace inserts over satin, fashioned in a full skirt with fitted bolero embroidered with sequins and pearls. The long sleeves tapered to points over the hands.

Her shoulder length veil of embroidered tulle was held in place by a coronet of matching sequins and pearls. Her bouquet was a nosegay of red phlox and white carnations.

Miss Anne MacEachern was her sister's only attendant. She

was attired in blue nylon crystal-lette over net with matching headress. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers. Mr. Lloyd Farquharson, friend of the groom, was best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. A two tier wedding cake decorated with pink roses and silver leaves with a miniature bride and groom on top centered the bride's table.

The toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. Harold Brown and was fittingly responded to by the groom.

For travelling the bride chose a light blue flowered dress and navy duster with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Photo by Mallett.



TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN MONCTON

New arrivals in the Atlantic provinces are the charming family of Douglas V. Gonder, who have arrived from Montreal to

take up residence in Moncton. Mr. Gonder is the newly-appointed vice president and general manager of the Atlantic Region

of Canadian National Railways. From left in this informal family portrait are: Dorothy, Joan, Mr. Gonder, Mrs. Gonder, Peggy, and Eleanor.

Nursing Profession Has Significant Developments



PRESIDENT ROSS

Miss Ruth Ross, R.N., B.Sc., President of the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island, in her message to the members of the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island on the occasion of their 36th annual meeting this past week pointed out significant developments which have "evolved into tangible form" during the past year.

1. The dream of a psychiatric affiliation for student nurses at the Riverside Hospital is on the point of fulfillment in the appointment of a qualified Nurse Instructor, Miss Katharine MacLennan, R.N., B.Sc.

2. The first steps toward evaluation of Nursing Schools in Canada have been taken.

three of our beloved doctors are no longer with us. Dr. Don Campbell, was liked by patients and nurses alike for his sincere efficiency and warm personality. Dr. Creelman was always busy working on a new idea to control tuberculosis and Dr. Hal Shaw, among other accomplishments, was instrumental in bringing laboratory services to our people.

She expressed her sincere regret at being absent from the meeting especially since the guest speakers were two such outstanding Canadian nursing leaders as Miss Dorothy M. Percy, B.R.C., Reg., N. of Ottawa and Sister Mary Felicitas, R.N. MS. from Montreal.

"As we pay tribute to the medical profession, we remember that

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

Some Gleanings From The Educational Field

Rubamah S. Frank

School bells are ringing and thoughtful men and women will find clear and stimulating answers to some nagging questions in the field of public school education in a recent book by Professor Paul Woodring of Western Washington College of Education. "A Fourth of a Nation" (McGraw-Hill) was written with the United States public school system in mind but much of it applies equally well, I believe, to Canada.

AIM OF EDUCATION We'll never really come to grips with our school problems until we are quite certain what we expect of our schools. Do we expect them to be responsible for the education of the "whole child"? His mental, physical, emotional and spiritual growth? Does not this mean taking over a large share of the duties and responsibilities of the home? Professor Woodring gives what seems to me a very constructive answer to this vexing question of the aim of education. He says the proper aim of education is a free society should be "to prepare the individual to make wise decisions and everything taught in school should be a means to this end. If we accept this definition it is much simpler to know what to include and what to exclude when considering school curricula. Obviously reading is of first importance in preparing the young person to make wise decisions; basket weaving is not.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT One of the objectives often stressed — that of social adjustment or getting along with people does not appeal to Professor Woodring. A wise decision may require one to differ. If "social adjustment" implies conformity, it is sometimes best not to conform.

COMPETITION Professor Woodring thinks "It is nonsense" to encourage competition in school athletics and consider it wrong in the academic area. He believes the harmful effects of repeated failure can be prevented if children are grouped according to ability rather than age. In fact, it is time, says Professor Woodring to do away with the old cut and dried divisions of the school system into eight years of elementary school, four years of secondary school and four years of college.

"Elementary education does not require eight years; secondary education can start at 12 as logically as 14. A 16 is an adolescent has a mental age about as high as it will ever be, and if he is ever able to begin higher education, he is 17 as well

Nursing Education And Nursing Service Stressed

Sister Mary Felicitas, R.N., M.S., Director of the Canadian Nurses' Hospital, Montreal, Quebec was a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island.

Sister is a member of the Editorial Board of the Canadian Nurse Journal and a member of the Executive of the Canadian Nurses Association. She has been vitally interested in the Pilot Study for Evaluation of Nursing Schools in Canada and has been interpreting the value of this project to nurses and the public. She spoke of the importance of such a program providing for self-evaluation of our own school of Nursing Programmes under the guidance of experts. Miss Helen Musalem of British Columbia has been appointed by the Canadian Nurses Association to direct this study.

In her practical and scholarly address, Sister emphasized the fact that "the aim of a good school of nursing is to educate the nursing student; the hospital, which serves as the clinical facility when the student can apply nursing principles, has for its purpose the care of the patient. There must be a balance in the utilization of the students time for education and for service. The clinical field is an essential element in the educative process of the student in nursing. We must plan for the education of the nurse in this clinical field without using the student for service.

Sister pointed out that "the advances in medicine during the past twenty years have resulted in phenomenal changes in nursing practice. On the one hand doctors have relinquished more and more of their procedures to nurses, as their own professional knowledge widened and new demands out reached their available time. Nurses have accepted these responsibilities but on the other hand have been reluctant to relinquish duties and responsibilities which have been theirs, whether to other professions, such as dietitians, social workers and physiotherapists or to the matter of simpler techniques to the less skilled or auxiliary workers.

"But still doctors are demanding. Why can't nurses be taught some of the minor medical techniques? They are too time consuming for us! While others in time cry out, "Why do you ov-

er-educate the nurse? Does she need a bath and make a bed? Why does the nurse need all the sciences you now teach? There are times when this attitude is found even among members of the Nursing Professions.

No one will deny that the advances of medical practice have increased the duties and responsibilities of the nurse. Therefore the suggestions of increasing the number of nurses by decreasing the standards is an obvious fallacy. Janet Gilson, an American Nursing leader, says: "Expansions in the Nursing Curriculum are not ivory tower speculations; they are stark needs."

The nurses were delighted with discerning remarks made by this young religious in relation to improvement of nursing care. She said "Attitudes are caught, not taught." The efforts of educators will be vain if the student does not see good nursing practice. Quality of nursing care is the criterion for judging both Nursing Service and Nursing education. Therefore nursing service personnel share responsibility with the school of nursing, for providing the setting which will exemplify to students the quality of nursing care expected of them. Sister Charles Marie a former professor at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., states that: "If we improve the nursing care of the patient, we will improve the education of the student; for the less experienced person learns from the one of greater experience, the student from the teacher, and the student nurse from the graduate nurse.

This nurse educator spoke too of the wisdom of using auxiliary workers to meet the problems of nursing shortage. She stressed the point that the nurse shortage may be more imaginary than real. If top analysis were done and the time of each person used to best advantage, we might find less difficulty in staffing our hospitals.

In her closing remarks she said "We, the nurses of today, have a great responsibility to the nurse of tomorrow. By our example, by our guidance, by our planning, and above all, by our breadth of vision, do we inspire others to embrace the profession, and grow in it to their fullest potentiality.

"The challenge is ours. God grant that we be courageous enough to accept it."

ELLEN'S DIARY

September Is Beautiful Even If It Is Sweet-Sad

September! What a nice month. Even to speak of it is to conjure up scenes of pure enchantment, memories of harvest fields rippling goldenly, or set in orderly patterns of stalks, subtle whispers caught in the sheaves. . . You must sit quietly in the sunny lee of a stook to catch these — little echoes of sound, light, and happy. Though it one listens closely she may discern also a note of regret. Because the harvest-tide is a sweet — and period.

There is the joy of increase realized in the droop of the grain-heads; there is warm satisfaction of stewardship. Nevertheless there is too a loneliness in the rustles, a vague wistfulness for something lost and gone. It is that we miss the little songsters of earlier Summer start it then."

At present we are worried about the emotional development of the child who forges ahead in his studies and is thus thrown in with older pupils; or the backward child who has younger classmates. But it may well be that children can share play and social activities with others their age while progressing mentally according to their ability. Professor Woodring's book, "A Fourth of a Nation" is a sensible and thought-provoking volume.

Sproule-Graves Wedding Solemnized In Sussex

The United Baptist Church, Sussex, N.B., was the scene of a pretty evening wedding on August 5, when Beatrice Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Graves Sussex, was united in marriage to Eric Leander, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sproule, Alberton, P. E.I. Rev. J. M. Sproule father of the groom, officiated at the ceremony.

The church was decorated with containers of white and pale yellow gladioli, dahlias, and white tapers in silver candelabra. Mrs. James Thompson was organist and Miss Norma Hall, soloist, sang "Because" as the register was being signed. The bride was attended by Mrs. David Graves, a sister-in-law, and Mrs. Murray Cunningham. Avery Crowell, was best man, and David Graves and Charles Beaton ushered. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ankle-length gown of white ice cap nylon with taffeta and net under skirt, round neckline and featured short puffed sleeves. Her mitts were of matching nylon and fastened off in points over her hands. Her fingertip length veil of nylon net fell gracefully from a coronet of braided nylon. She wore silver slippers. Her only jewelry was a string of cultured pearls and matching earrings, a gift of the groom. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas and feathered carnations.

The bridesmaids wore ballerina-length gowns of nylon net over taffeta, in pink and blue respectively. They carried nosegays of sweet peas and baby's breath.

A reception was held at the bride's home which was decorated with white bells and streamers. Rev. J. M. Sproule proposed the toast to the bride and the groom responded. Miss Jean Prescott served the bride's table, which was covered with a lace cloth and centred with a three-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom and

farmers were gathering in their early-planted potatoes, burying their white meanness off to market; and somewhere too, folks prepared to take up the first of the threshing.

"Have you seen anything of our Blackbirds lately?" "Friend-sparrow stopped us with the query on the front verandah this morning. "No", he shook his head "neither have I. They've moved off to join their trekking kith and kin, I guess. We'll miss them. They're a funny couple. He's not a bad lad himself — like the rest of us, has his weaknesses and faults. She's a bit of a shrew. . . but smart and industrious. To be honest" he laughed infectiously "I'd as lief have a good-natured untidy wife myself. Though it's pretty good to find everything ship-shape about the house when one comes in. . . to a point that is — a comfortable one" he twinkled.

"Let's call this 'a day' Ellen" James says bustling in from the moonlit yards, chores done. "Tomorrow we must make a start at saving that firewood."

Until tomorrow . . . — Diary — Goodnight. . .

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HOUSEHOLD VINTAGE

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