

Happenings of The Week

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McLeod entertained informally Monday evening after the St. Andrew's night dinner in honour of their house guest, Major Calum I. N. MacLeod of Sydney, N. S., who was guest speaker.

Mrs. Stewart was the guest at dinner of Mrs. Charles MacGregor, and also of Mrs. Percy Simmonds, Mrs. William Beer and Miss Allie MacLeod, who entertained in her honour recently.

Mrs. Courtney Harper of Toronto, left this morning for Ottawa to visit her sister-in-law, Miss Olive Harper who is ill. Mrs. Harper has been spending the summer in Charlottetown with her sister, Mrs. C. Prowse. She plans to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Honeyman and children of Toronto.

Mrs. George Fisher entertained friends at luncheon bridge on Wednesday, when three tables were in play.

Mrs. Frank Likely of Saint John, N. B., arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Likely and family.

Mrs. F. R. McLaine left yesterday morning for New York, from where she will sail next week aboard the Osloford for Copenhagen, for an extended visit at her former home in Denmark. Mrs. McLaine, who will be visiting Denmark for the first time in over forty one years, will be accompanied on the voyage by Miss Elsie Stokholm, formerly of the staff of the Provincial Sanatorium, who left Tuesday by air for New York where she is visiting with friends.

Mr. Darrel McGuire of Amherst visited Charlottetown briefly this week, when he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Newman McLellan.

Miss Isabelle Storey entertained Saturday evening in honour of her niece, Mrs. Harold Stewart, who left this week to join her husband at Trenton, Ont. Mrs. Stewart was presented with a going-away gift.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hyndman arrived home Monday after a visit to Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Hugh Simpson Jr. entertained Tuesday evening in honour of Mrs. Jack Porter, who left Wednesday morning to join Staff Sgt. Porter in Fredericton, N. B., where they will take up residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Dew are entertaining a few friends at mixed bridge this evening.

Mrs. Henry L. Peters of Southport entertained the Friday Night Bridge Club at her home last week in honour of Mrs. Harold Stewart, when the guest of honour was presented with a farewell gift from the club members.

Mrs. Gordon Bears entertained the Alpha Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Society Wednesday evening, when Mrs. William Beer and Mrs. Ralph Manning were in charge of the entertainment, which took the form of a cultural program. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. J. C. Gallant and Miss Patsy Barrett.

Mrs. Milton Bell and Mrs. W. H. Poole entertained a few friends at dinner Tuesday evening in honour of Mrs. F. R. McLaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rayner are leaving Monday morning by air for England, where they will spend Christmas with their son, LAC Gordon Rayner, who is stationed at the R. C. A. F. base at North Luffenham. They will also visit France and Germany, returning home in January.

Among those who entertained in honour of Mrs. Jack Porter prior to her departure was Miss Audrey Gillis.

Mrs. Stuart Chandler entertained members of the Knitting Club Monday evening for Mrs. Harold Stewart, who was presented with a farewell gift to mark the occasion.

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The Fashion Shoppe

Canadian Consumer News

Did you know that the National Industrial Design Council and C. A. C. (the Canadian Association of Consumers) have been working together for the last three years to produce better design in all Canadian products?

Mrs. G. J. Wherrett, our C.A.C. representative on that Council has asked me to tell all members of C.A.C. that we have been allotted money for cash prizes for a design contest. We feel that such a contest will encourage consumers to think about how the design of household articles could be improved. Plans and details will be announced soon but I am telling you about it now so you can start thinking about it.

Only 10 years ago nearly everything you used was designed outside of Canada, or was a copy of a foreign design. World conditions after the war forced Canadians to change this easy way of doing things. During the war a Canadian found herself in the enviable position of fourth trading nation in the world. It was not difficult to hold that position while the war was on, but when the occupied and devastated countries started their industrial recovery and began to turn out consumer goods, Canada was faced with increasing competition in the world market from new and improved designs. Other countries had their distinctive products: Sweden her furniture, England her china, United States her electrical accessories, etc. etc.

In the creation of outstanding designs, Canada was lagging behind—something had to be done. The Government in 1948 established the National Industrial Design Council and in view of the increasing importance of its work the Committee became in 1953 the National Industrial Design Council with members appointed from all over Canada.

The Council launched "The Design Merit Awards" to industry for the first time last year. Manufacturers receiving these certificates were given permission to use "Design Merit" labels on their products.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping look for this tag or label, patronize the manufacturer who is using a Canadian design. Be a discriminating shopper—look carefully before you buy and consider the principle of good design. Remember that our buying habits decide what it pays Canada to produce; then let us be patriotic and whenever we can choose the Canadian made and Canadian designed article.

Start thinking now on improved designs for anything we use in our homes and let us have your ideas for this contest for C.A.C. members gets going.

—Helen Lawson, Provincial President.

That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

STREPTOMYCIN CURES FORMERLY FATAL DISEASES

I have written before about a noted surgeon who, just before World War I, had to watch his only child, a girl, 9 years old, die with tuberculous meningitis. Tuberculous meningitis was a disease with no known cure and all children so affected died.

Later, the wonder drug, streptomycin, was found to give excellent results in various forms of tuberculous meningitis and it was then used in cases of tuberculous meningitis (children). In reviews of Pediatrics (children), Florence Italy, Dr. A. Paci, reports the results obtained by use of streptomycin treatment in 69 children with tuberculous meningitis at University of Pisa, Pediatric Clinic, from the end of 1947 to 1950. All the patients were less than 12 year old. Of the 24 patients who were treated in October, 1947, to August, 1948, only one completely recovered and two recovered after a relapse. These poor results were believed due to lack of knowledge of dosage and also to the scarcity of streptomycin at that time.

From September, 1948, to February, 1950, more streptomycin became available and therefore results were better. Of the 19 patients admitted during above period (September, 1948, to February, 1950), 5 could not be treated as they were too near death, which occurred within a few days. Eight recovered and a few days died.

From March, 1950, to date, 26 patients have been treated. Of these, 17 have recovered and are well, two had been treated for 10 days when death occurred. Two have improved and are still under treatment.

Dr. Paci states that the good results were obtained by giving streptomycin into spinal column first and then twelve hours later into the suboccipital region until patient was completely recovered.

In the entire series of 69 patients, a total of 25 children have completely recovered and remained well. Their general condition is good and development and growth are normal in most of them. I am recounting this successful treatment of tuberculous meningitis because I have never forgotten the grief of these parents who lost their only child because there was no known cure for this dread disease at that time. We have much to be thankful for as we read of this great saving of lives by this wonder drug, streptomycin, now so generally used in various types of tuberculosis.

She Was Born In 1853—



"A JOYOUS 100TH BIRTHDAY" reads the birthday cake writing! Yes, "Auntie Bee", Mrs. Bibiana McAulay (above) of Charlottetown, proudly sits before the large birthday cake presented to her on Wednesday, December 2 when she marked the occasion of her birth a century ago in Souris. With a smile on her lips and in her eyes, she poses for the photographer.—(Barter's Film Lab).

Household ScrapBook

By Roberta Lee

Ironing Over Buttons Fold a Turkish towel into several thicknesses and lay the garment upon it, buttons down. Iron the garment on wrong side. The buttons will sink into the towel and the work will be smoothly finished.

The Sewing Machine Belt A sewing machine belt that has loosened can often be tightened without removing it. Merely put a few drops of machine oil on the wheel.

Cleaning Elderdown Rub an elderdown garment well with cornmeal. Allow it to stand for a few days and then shake it well.

The Stars Say - -

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow SUNDAY'S influences augur well for artistic interests, family affairs and social functions. Especially favored in the day's activities are authors, scientists, students, teachers and all those in professions connected with beauty culture. During the early hours take care of necessary tasks without strain or fuss so as to leave the remainder of the day free for rest and relaxation.

If it should be necessary for you to engage in any sort of business transaction, it would be better to

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APPLES

Apples have a wider use in Canada than any other fruit. They may be served for breakfast, dinner, supper or eaten raw between meals.

Apples are available during the greater part of the year. King, Rhode Island Greening, Delicious, Northern Spy, Rome Beauty, Cox Orange and Wine-say are among the varieties obtainable during the late winter and spring months.

Apples sold in boxes are graded: Extra Fancy, Fancy and "C" in order of quality. There is an additional grade, Combination Fancy and "C" in which at least 50% of the fruit must be of Fancy quality. Apples sold in other containers are graded No. 1 and Domestic.

Apples should be kept in a cool, dry place with little variation in temperature. Every day an apple is held at room temperature its storage life is decreased by more than a week.

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Meat When either boiling or roasting meat, it is better to use a spoon for turning, for the reason that a fork sticks into the meat and allows the juices to escape.

New Clothesline A new clothesline should be boiled for about 30 minutes before using. This prevents stretching, it will not tangle as readily and it lasts much longer.

Morning Smile

Child: A boy or girl who is first taught to talk and then spanked for not keeping quiet.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

Now that we move farther into December, we find our thoughts turning more and more towards the season of Christmas which lies just beyond the last turn of the year's trail. Everywhere now we are reminded of its coming in newspaper and on the radio, in city shop and in country store . . . in a fat turkey's gobble and the lonely call of domestic geese—in the eyes of the school children, more and less excited, over the anticipation of the annual Christmas concert to come.

Over the fields the dark woodlands remind us of the Free; and as we pass a hedgerow of the farm or a corner where a young plantation of fir or spruce is presuming to take possession, it is to select in mind a choice one of these to bring it later to the notice of the children . . . One day presently we shall go with them along a woody path to a spot where a pine tree grows to gather of its twigs and cones to make with the other woods' greens, festive decorations about.

And on an evening when the charm and mystery of the season is waning, we shall place a few of the cones on the hearthfire, and with the youngsters gathered quietly about, we shall watch them light and burn . . . and die to ashes even as the old year will mingle its dust with those that are past.

In scenes which if they continue will give a green Christmas, the cattle and sheep of his farm graze yet on the pastures. We saw them today on a far slope, in a fetching picture against the pretty background of woodland. The sunny blue of the sky came down to touch quietly the tree-tops.

And on their behalf the farmers bent efforts toward bringing the indoor carpentry of the new barn nearer to a close. This afternoon we left our "for Sunday" household to visit briefly with the workers following the sound of their industry to its source.

"This barn" James offered looking up from the board he was nailing in place on a stall, "should make for easier choring . . . cattle, horses, feed, bedding, grain, roots, water all under one roof. Whether or not it will make for better times . . ." he smiled whimsically. Our thoughts went back to the old-time stabling at Alderlea. "Times weren't bad when the cattle were tied by two stakes, held in place by a wooden peg," we said.

"Not bad at all, Ellen," he nodded, "if life was a bit harder in many ways in those days, all the world was at peace."

At peace it will be again—at least for the Christmas season, as folks turn from earthy interests and "those sins that beset us" to try to find once more the Bethlehem road.

"Show us the road to Bethlehem This Christmas Day. We have heard of joy in Bethlehem But we do not know the way.

There is peace for the world in Bethlehem This Christmas Day. We would worship the Babe in Bethlehem But we have lost our way.

There is still time to make good our loss This Christmas Day; If we follow the road that goes by the Cross and the manger; We can not miss the way." Until Monday Diary Good-night



COOCH CAKES

2 cups flour 1 cup butter 3/4 cup brown sugar 1/4 teaspoon soda 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar 1 teaspoon vanilla

Warm butter until it does not melt. Work butter until light in color. Then add sugar. Beat until it will keep its shape when lifted on spoon, add flour, soda, cream of tartar which have been sifted together. Now take your hands and mark it well. Knead but do not roll with rolling pin, put on board and pat it out with hands until about 1/4 inch thick and cut in desired shapes. Bake in a very moderate oven until a delicate brown.

—Mr. Elizabeth Penny, South Pinette W. I.

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Women's 'Constructive Criticism' Is Working For The Homefront

By Joan Barberis Canadian Press Staff Writer

A women's association concerned with constructive criticism from consumers has put out a modest folder on its achievements since it started in 1947.

The Canadian Association of Consumers now has more than 16,000 individual members from all provinces and includes representatives from 15 national women's groups. CAC members first rolled up their sleeves over margarine in 1948. The association successfully appealed the federal ban on this food. As a result the manufacture of margarine now comes within the jurisdiction of each province.

In 1949 CAC officers appeared twice before the Senate committee on banking and commerce and gave evidence on the bill for national trade mark and true labeling. Their evidence was a factor in the passing of the bill, which requires manufacturers to use accurate labels on their goods and empowers the government to set up standards for Canadian goods.

Standard garment sizes for women and children is another project. Five years' effort on it was climaxed when the government specifications board called a conference in 1952. In January of this year a committee formed from that conference started working on a standard sizing system of children's clothing. The CAC has three national objectives regarding milk. They are:

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Husband Confides In Widow Tells Her Of Wife's Refusal To Accompany Him On Long Trips

DEAR MISS DIX: My problem is a delicate one, and is too close to my own heart to be seen objectively. I'm a middle-aged widow, self-supporting, with a married son. A year ago I met a married man, the father of two children in their late teens. His job takes him to various parts of the country for a year or two at a time. For the last several years his wife has refused to accompany him with a good though she would have been provided with a good dwelling and every comfort no matter where he was located. He can spend only a few days a year with his family. His children have come to regard him only as a source of income; they never visit to him and are disrespectful to him when he is at home.

He turned to me as a confidante, and our friendship has developed into love. I have no wish to take him from his family, but would like to help him in some way. Can you suggest something? Alma

A WIFE WHO'S FAILED

ANSWER: There might be another side to this tale, but I doubt if it could be substantial enough to change your story. I've seen the pattern before. The wife has failed in all her basic marital obligations, and deserves very little consideration from anyone. Her place is with her husband, if it's at all possible for her to be there. In this case, it is more than possible. She has further estranged herself from her husband by actually turning his children against him with her constant belittling. The youngsters certainly would have more respect and affection for their father had they not been set against him by their mother.

There's no question, however, but that all talk of love and marriage between you two should be shelved until the propitious time. The wife is fortunate that you have been chosen as her husband's confidante rather than an unprincipled woman. This wife is getting a much better deal from fate than she deserves. I think your friend should put all his cards on the table, tell his wife to make a choice between him and the home surroundings that she apparently prizes more than the welfare of her family. Her decision should determine his future.

DEAR MISS DIX: I'm a woman of 35, and have been going out with a man 20 years my senior. I thought I could learn to love him, but know now that it is impossible. He's asked me to marry him; I refused, and my mother said I'm very foolish to throw away a chance of security. He has deceived me about many small things, and I don't think he'd make a reliable husband. Flora K.

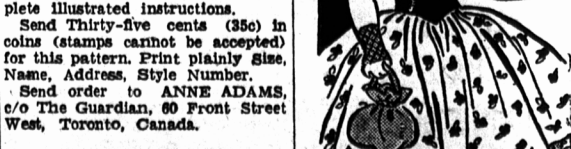
ANSWER: You were quite right to turn down the proposal. Security isn't worth the loss of personal dignity, much less the chances of a miserable future.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of interest through this column.

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Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. In a restaurant, is one supposed to thank a waitress when accepting a dish from which one is going to serve oneself? A. If you are relaxing, you say, "No, thank you." Otherwise, you help yourself and say nothing. Q. I work for my wife's father, who is the head of my department. Is it proper for me to call him "father" or "dad," as I do at home? A. At the office, or in the presence of other employees, you should always address him as "Mr. Johnson."