

A COUNTRY GARDEN

NOVEMBER

November days are mild with hint of rain, And winds, that might be winter-toothed are mellow, White leaves, like yellow lanterns, light the lane And in the yard chrysanthemums are yellow.

November skies keep something of June's blue And from the woods a featured elf is flinging Handfuls of crystal song to people who, A month ago, bade farewell to such singing.

Yet in the, frost tanned grass, the crickets grieve— They know this June mirage brings death the faster.

This false Squaw Summer, pitiful reprieve Proserpine had won from her cruel master.

Hanlon.

In 1816 the Nova Scotia Minstrel wrote Prince Edward Island, a happy place! Adorned with ev'ry nat'ral grace; It smiles, in old St. Lawrence fair, Ten thousand immigrants are there; Their winter's night, and summer's day, As cheerful as a morn in May; Far from the noise and din of war, Heaven grants them providential care.

For here confess'd the traveller meets A little paradise of sweets, No rocks to dash the shipmen on, And on her plains is scarce a stone; Fish, flesh, and fowl abundant are, That live in water, earth or air; The lands are cheap, the waters clear.

The fowl on shore, the fish at sea; Nor lack of all that's good, we find, To cheer the body, please the mind.

Surely we have a beautiful Province with much natural beauty, and Jacques Cartier in 1534 said "It lacks only the nightingale" and now in this century we can garden in this country, and I am reminded of this when visitors to the garden tell me of the difficulties they must overcome before they can have a lovely garden.

When we are extremely busy at this season of the year gathering in the tender plants and the planting of bulbs and other plants it is good to think about these things and it lightens the labor necessary to such efforts.

It is difficult for anyone who has ever felt any genuine emotion at the spectacle of natural beauty—the setting, of the sun; the frosty stars, the flight of a bird, the brightness of a flower, the smell of earth, the silver rime, the gradation of the distant trees, the light rocked by the stir of the wind—it is difficult in the remembrance of such refreshing wonder not to feel that those who shut these things out from their meditations lose piety as well as pleasure. He hath no hearth of thought to sit should abide. But struck his petty pleasures one by one that spluttered on the box, flared and were gone. This is as true today as when it was written many years ago, and those who do not see the natural beauty all round their paths are missing much joy.

YOUR GARDEN

I bring serenity to your life. No human pursuit gives more pleasure to your days than the creating of me.

I am, outwardly, your own accomplice, but in the business of me God is more than equal partner.

I am at once your solace in sorrow and your inspiration for endeavor.

My flowering hand is outstretched to welcome you at the end of the day; my feath'ry arms reach yearningly for you when you return from the longer absence.

I am the place where your children play and bask in the sunshine to lay the foundation of health and strength that shall make them worthy of their citizenship.

I teach you the great lesson of patience, since the rotation of my fruiting may not be hurried but must proceed slowly and quietly as has been ordained from the beginning of time.

I keep your feet on the ground both physically and spiritually, and something, none the less actual because unseen, flows from me into your body and soul, something that makes you valiant and gives you the joy of living.

I am your flowers and vines and trees, and the soil that gives them life—I AM YOUR GARDEN.

CLAYVILLE, N. Y. (AP)—An explosion in a paper mill Monday killed three men and injured four others, one critically. The three who were killed were trapped in a first-floor room of the rambling, three-story brick building of the Superfine paper mill in this village near Utica.

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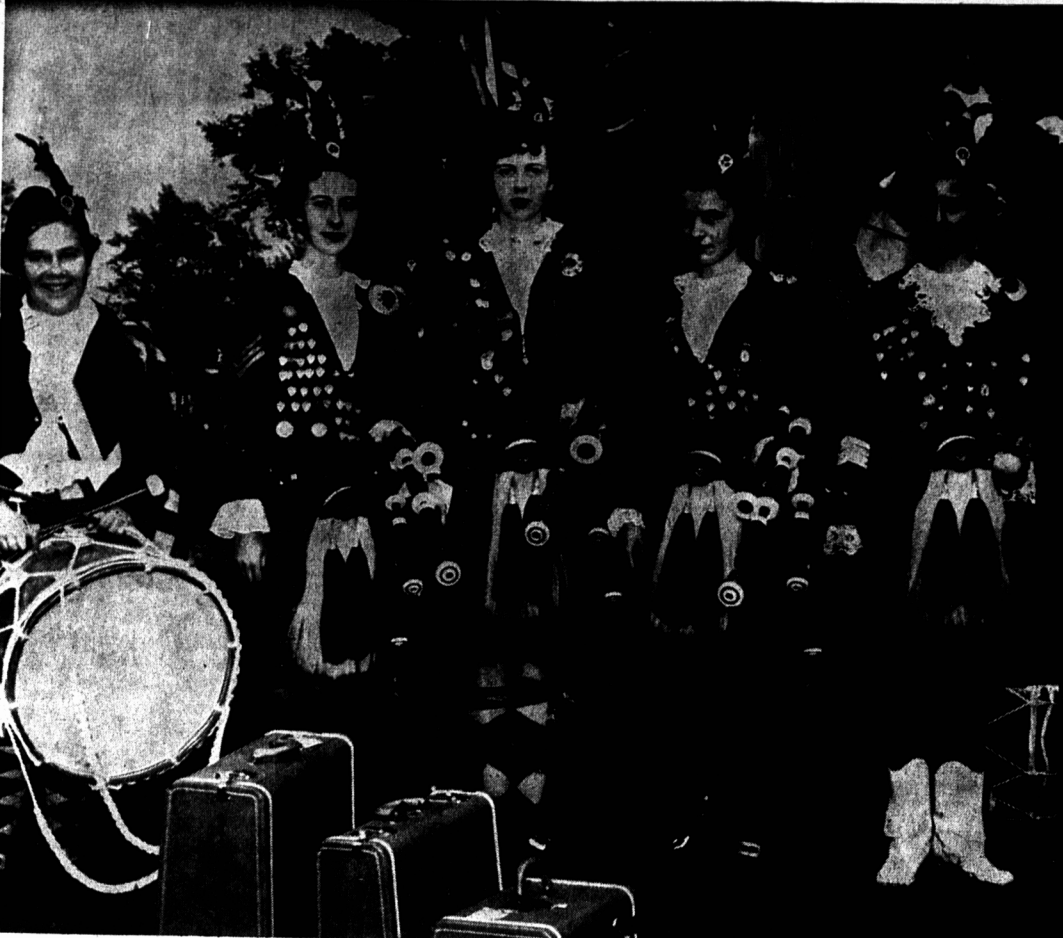
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Some of the twenty-five members of the Gaelic College "MacDonald Hundred" Junior Pipe Band are shown above. The girls above, leaders of the band, include, left to right, Sgt. Drummer Beverly Cameron, Sydney; Pipe Major Norma Morrison, St. Ann's; Senior Pipe Major Clare Gillis, Sydney; Pipe Major Mora MacLeod, St. Ann's; and Majorettes Ann Jackie Crann, Florence, Cape Breton.

Warns Of Severe Winter Ahead

DUBLIN, N.H. (AP)—The Old Farmer's Almanac, oldest periodical in North America still continuously published in the same name and original appearance, will be out Tuesday with a mighty dismal prediction of a bitter winter ahead.

The coming winter, says the Almanac's expert, Abe Weatherwise, will be "as severe as any of the 20th century."

Furthermore, a lot of other things can happen, warns this 164th annual edition covering 1956. Under a special heading, "keep a sharp eye on 1956," the Almanac takes a look at astronomical cycles and sees factors which it says can produce tidal forces and rhythms which could change ocean currents. And this, it says, might bring marked effects on world climate and fish migrations, and bring more icebergs—among other things.

In calling attention to Abe Weatherwise's forecast for the winter ahead, the Old Farmer produces manifold data to prove that his last year's prophecy of a continuing trend away from warmer winters was fully confirmed, on the average, throughout the country.

The Almanac also claims a bulls-eye on the hurricanes and other troubles in the second half of last August.

Among the many entries are some 365,000 astronomical calculations with adjustments for all parts of the country, poetry, tips for fishermen, housewives, hunters and farmers, wise counsels, and a strange story about a ghost in Maine.

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IMPORTANCE OF JUNIOR

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has since graciously acted as Honorary President of the organization. Mrs. Fred Gates (who became its second president) arranged with CFCY for the broadcast and stood by for moral support. (It was needed)

The idea of a Provincial Drama Festival originated at a District Convention group of Women's Institutes in 1945, with Mrs. Frances Holl-Trainer of Charlottetown invited to be guest speaker on Drama Festival work. Six Institutes, Long River, Irishtown, Spring Brook, Margate, Springfield and Kelvin Grove organized and presented six one-act plays, with local adjudicators judging the plays. In the Spring of 1946, there were two play-offs. Irishtown, Springfield and Spring Brook competed at Long River; Margate, Long River and Kelvin Grove in Graham's Road Hall. Mrs. Leslie Ramsay, C.D.A. Indian River; Mr. Norman MacDonald, C.D.A. and Mr. Murphy of Summerside High School were the adjudicators. In the King George Hall in Kensington, Mrs. Archdeacon Harrison adjudicated the three entries to reach the finals: Kelvin Grove, Long River and Margate. Miss Louise Hazard, then Assistant Supervisor of Women's Institutes was also present.

Out of this enthusiasm came the movement which, strictly rural the first years, has now reached out to include any organization society of amateur drama group in the province, and whose aims from the beginning have been to promote and encourage good dramatics, and to raise its standards in this province.

In September, 1946, the Provincial Executive of the Women's Institutes organized the Provincial Drama Festival Association, under whose rules and regulations entries were to be sponsored by Women's Institutes. In the Spring of 1947, twelve entries were submitted to the Secretary, Mrs. Ray MacLeod, but before the play-offs seven were withdrawn (due to illness, etc.), leaving York, North Milton, Meadow Bank, and two from Cornwall, York, with the play "Mushrooms Coming Up"; Milton, and "The Little Man"; and Cornwall with "Saving Dad." competed at the finals in Cornwall Hall. Mrs. Holl-Trainer who was a tower of strength from beginning of the district Convention Drama project, until she later left the Province, and Mr. Barry Bugden who has given unstintingly of time and talent throughout the years, were the adjudicators. They gave top honors to York, and second place to the Milton group.

The community interest in the Festival play-offs and finals of the earlier years was — if I may use the word — tremendous. Practically their whole communities would attend when groups in one-act plays competed in play-offs in different localities.

A Scholarship Fund was started soon after organization and much credit for its success goes to the late Mrs. Roy Smallman who took such an active interest in the Association. Her good judgement, wise counselling and hospitality will long be remembered by the Drama Festival Executive.

PLAN WORKSHOP TO AID GROUPS

"The Play's the Thing." Indeed, yes, but in order to make it "the thing" it must be well done. The acting, the staging, the lighting, and the make-up are all essential parts of a good production to say nothing of the casting and the play itself.

To this end we are endeavouring to set up a workshop to aid individuals or groups who may wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. A workshop will be set up in a central location and with a thought to Fall and Winter travelling conditions.

Depending on the response and the degree of success of this particular workshop it will become an annual affair, along with the setting up of workshops in suitable centres in Prince and Kings Counties.

Featured in the workshops will be types of plays, characterization, speech, lighting, costumes, make-up, stage technique, and originality in stage setting. There will be films shown on the producing of plays, etc. A tape recorder will also be made available for voice recordings.

As you can readily see this course is not for directors, actors, actresses alone, but for those very important people who never appear before the footlights but on whom so much depends—the stage crew, the make-up artists, and those in charge of costumes.

We will be looking forward to welcoming many of you there.

GEORGETOWN C.W.L.

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown C.W.L. sub-division was held in St. James Hall on Oct. 5th, the President, Mrs. William Murphy presiding. The meeting opened with League prayer recited by the Rev. Director. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The attendance at the meeting was very encouraging. The reports of the various convenors were read. The social service convenor, Mrs. F. MacLean reported making her usual calls on the sick and shut-ins and said she had received two bed-side nursing articles as a donation from Mrs. Cyrene MacDonald, now residing in Halifax for the winter months. Her donation was gratefully appreciated by the members.

The secretary was asked to order 2000 cod liver oil capsules in connection with social services, through the Red Cross, to be portioned out to parents for children, etc.

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EDMONTON (CP)—The failure of the recent federal-provincial conference to produce a national health scheme has left the Alberta government undecided on what to do about the proposed medical insurance plan approved by the spring legislature session. Dr. A. Somerville, deputy health minister, said Saturday. The legislature voted \$1,200,000 to launch the program.

The treasurer reported a satisfactory balance on hand and all bills were voted to be paid.

The altar workers for October were Mrs. William Murphy, Miss Sarah MacPhee, Mrs. Neil Wight, and Mrs. Lawrence Batchelder. The altar linens were passed out to those ladies volunteering to launder same.

The convenor (Mrs. Ella MacKinnon) thanked the ladies who kindly sent in flowers to decorate the altars. The secretary was asked to send a letter of appreciation to the Sacred Heart program, also a card to a faithful member now residing in the U.S.A. The regional rally took place in Cardigan on Oct. 23rd and comprised Georgetown, Montague, Cardigan, Vernon, Iona etc.

Rev. Director said the study group formation would be on the agenda of next meeting. The meeting falling on All Saints day, Nov. 1st meeting would likely be held following night, Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. The meeting was to be short, followed by a social hour. No further business on hand meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Director.

Dying Woman Keeps Diary

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