Women

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HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Lawson, Charlottetown, left Monday for Toronto, where they will visit their daughters, Mrs. J.D. Honsberger and Mrs. H.M. Steckley.

Miss Doris Jardine of Moncton, N.B., spent the weekend in Summerside, guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Forbes.

Mrs. J.F. Dechant of Moncton, N.B., was a weekend visitor to Summerside, guest of Miss Louise MacDonald.

Mrs. J. LeRoy Holman entertained the East End Bridge Club on Monday evening at her home in Summerside.

Mrs. Roy MacLean had as her weekend guest at her home in Summerside her daughter, Mrs. N.W. Underwood of Moncton, N.B.

Mrs. R.A. Horne was hostess to her bridge club at her home in Summerside on Monday evening.

Mrs. J. Wilfred Lecky left Summerside Saturday on a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, FL and Mrs. M.D. Gates in Ottawa, stopping over en route with her son, Mr. Alan Lecky in Montreal.

Miss Irma Webb of Moncton, N.B., was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Morrison were pleasantly surprised on Sunday evening at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Edward MacInnis and Mr. MacInnis, when members of the family gathered to assist them in celebrating their thirty - second wedding anniversary. After the guests of honor were presented with a boutioniere and a corsage of red roses, movie films of the family were shown. A beautifully decorated anniversary cake, as well as a birthday cake for Mrs. David Walker of New Annan, with other refreshments concluded an enjoyable evening. A framed Island scene was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacBeath and daughter, Nancy, who have been visiting Mrs. MacBeath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Horne, Summerside, left this week for Moncton, N.B., to take up residence.

Women from the Summerside Protestant Churches gathered on Friday afternoon at Trinity United Church for a special World Day of Prayer Service.

Mrs. C.R. Webber presided and extended a welcome to those present. The leaders for the different parts of the service were Mrs. Vernon Campbell, Mrs. Chester Murray, Mrs. Roy Jay and Mrs. Ray Clark, followed by prayer by Mrs. K.R. Hobson. The address prepared especially for this day on the theme "God's Love For The Whole World" was presented by Mrs. John F. Scott. The ladies' choir sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" with Mrs. Eric Sheen as accompanist. The ushers and collectors for this occasion were Mrs. Harold Milligan, Mrs. Bradford Cairns, Mrs. Wyman Cairns and Mrs. Harold Harkness.

A delightful afternoon tea in Epworth Hall, Summerside, on Saturday was sponsored by the CGIT of Trinity United Church. Gail Rayner and Eileen Huestis greeted the guests at the door. The CGIT colors of blue and white were carried out in the decorations and the table with its centerpiece of blue was flanked by white tapers in silver candelabra. Presiding over the tea cups were Mrs. Henry Moyse and Miss Estelle Bowness, while the senior girls served. The CGIT leaders are Mrs. C.R. Webber, Mrs. William Watson, Miss Gladys MacMillan and Mrs. Gary Green.

Mrs. A.W. Leard entertained the members of the Ladies' Guild of the Summerside Baptist Church at her home on Thursday evening with the president, Mrs. Arthur Dunn, conducting the meeting. After routine business plans were made for a "Bring and Buy" sale for the next meeting at the home of Miss Amy Burrows. Lunch was served by the hostess.

The highly successful annual Spring Tea, sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the George R. Pearkes VC Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, was held at the Legion Home on Saturday. Welcoming the guests were the local president, Mrs. Gordon Ramsay, and the provincial president, Mrs. Percy Ramsay. Spring flowers flanked by golden tapers were the attractive decorations for the tea table, over which Mrs. R. L. Mollison and Mrs. D.F. McNeill presided for the first hour and Mrs. Wilfred Perry and Mrs. Callis Gallant for the second hour. A special part of the program was the singing of the following selections by Miss Carol MacLean, accompanied by Mrs. Eric Sheen: "If I Loved You", "Over the Rainbow", "Mighty Lak a Rose" and "Dreams Must Always End" from the Musical "Wait 'n See". Another special feature was the exhibition of pictures painted by the members of Mrs. J. A. Brophy's Art Class.

Helen Horne and Lee Horne, students at Dalhousie University are spending the mid-term vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Horne, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton MacLean of Read's Corner were tendered a housewarming at their new home by the members of the community. Mrs. Frank Haslam escorted the guests to a seat of honor, after which Mr. Robert Hogg, as chairman, called upon Mrs. Francis MacQuarrie to read an address. Messrs. Bruce Murray and Eldred Simmons made the presentation of a walnut step table and coffee table. Auction was enjoyed with the following as prize winners: Robert Hogg, Eldred Simmons, Mrs. Lyman Hall and Alvin MacLean. The lunch hostesses were Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs Bruce Murray, Mrs. Lyman Huestis, Mrs. Eldred Simmons, Mrs. Robert Hogg and Mrs MacQuarrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ramsay of Summerside have received word from Chatham, Ontario, that two of their grandchildren, Deborah and Gail, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Daymond (the former June Ramsay) competed in the Chatham Kiwanis Music Festival in piano with outstanding and excellent results. Deborah, 8, took top honors in two piano classes with a mark of 87 and with her sister, Gail, 7, to win in the piano duet class gaining the mark of 90.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. MacKay entertained at their home in Clinton on Thursday, March 8, when 15 tables of progressive auction were in play. Prizes for high scores went to Mrs. John L. Sullivan and Bert L. MacKay and consolation awards to Mrs. Armel Whitehead for ladies, and Garth Pickering for men. Proceeds were for the W. I. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

The names of Miss Myrtle Perry and Mrs. Hilda Sterns were ommitted from an account of the graduation of labratory technologists that appeared in the happenings on Monday. Miss Perry was a featured pianist during the short program following the exercises and Mrs. Sterns provided the accompaniment for a solo by Shirley Wood.

LYNN TAYLOR PEGGY MacQUAID

Four Island Guides To Attend American Girl Scout Roundup

Mrs Neil Matheson, international commissioner for the Prince Edward Island Girl G ide Association, announced recently that four guides will be representing Prince Edward Island at the 1962 Girl Scout Roundup at Button Bay State Park in Vermont in July.

The date of the camp, which is being held to mark the 50th anniversary of scouting in the United States, are July 18 to 31, and Girl Scouts from all parts of the United States and Guides from Canada and a number of other countries will attend the roundup.

The Island Guides representing Queens County are Lynn Taylor, Charlottetown and Peggy MacQuaid, Southport.

Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Taylor, York Lane, and she is a member of the 7th Charlottetown Guide Company. She recently received her all-round cord. Peggy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban MacQuaid, is a member of the Sea Ranger's crew, SRS Buckingham. Peggy was the first guide in the Southport Company ever to receive a gold cord.

Also attending from the province will be Linda Kines, Slemon Park and Lynda Olscamp, Summerside.

The girls will be meeting 2 girls from Newfoundland and 2 girls from New Brunswick before leaving for Button Bay, and this will complete the Atlantic provinces patrol for the roundup.

A guider from Prince Edward Island, who will accompany the patrol has not been chosen yet.

MARY HAWORTH

Reply To Neglected Mother Of Seven Shocks Reader

Dear Mary Haworth: I have just read your answer to "F.R." the mother of seven who feels neglected and I am utterly shocked at your lack of insight.

I usually approve wholeheartedly of your advice, and admire your perception and applaud your spiritual approach to life. But this poor woman asked for bread and you've given her a stone instead.

A mother with seven children to care for, day and night, with scant adult companionship in the evenings, whose husband takes her out six times a year! And you tell her she must have a "personal history of social inadequacy," to feel so dejected in these circumstances! This is insight?

Six times a year would make even you socially inadequate. What a magnanimous husband she has! She's not a woman; she's an appliance.—C.C.

Dear C.C.: Do you feel better now? Your outburst, theoretically addressed to my remarks about F.R.'s situation, probably is a case of letting off steam about unresolved frustrations in your own life, or in the lives of persons close to you, that her letter brought to mind.

May I give you a bit of insight into the philosophy back of my efforts to encourage F.R. to take the initiative in making the best of the marriage she has embraced?

The aim of this column is to help correspondents surmount their difficulties and bear their burdens heroically, in the event that fortunate solutions aren't readily available, within the format of their circumstances.

It isn't my purpose to encourage them to feel sorry for themselves, or choked with resentment towards trying associates who aren't behaving creditably. It is axiomatic that to improve the human situation, one must begin by improving himself. This is the only domain in which we have truly sovereign authority since, in the final analysis, each soul is (and should be) autonomous.

Thus is F.R.'s husband is so engrossed (for whatever reason) in workaday relationships as to throw her back on her own resources, much of the time, she is challenged— as I said earlier—" to become maturely self-reliant, in the robust spirit of the wife described in Proverbs 31:10-31."

The Bible is a lighthouse of sorts, assembled for mankind's guidance in getting through the obstacle course that we call living. And I don't suppose that the Bible's account of the valiant wife, whose "price is far above rubies," was included just for poetic effect.

This vignette of the praiseworthy woman was written to succor, inspire and establish all those housewives who need to discover, in moods of crisis— when they feel alone on a steep dark road— that the wellsprings of greatness are within themselves, if they'll just rise to the occasion instead of repining.—M.H.

Dear Mary Haworth: You seem to think F.R. should be thankful she has a good bedfellow and is tied hand-and-foot with seven children. The children are entitled to some companionship with their father.

Do you really believe this selfish pig is working like a slave, after closing hours? Uncle Sam and his revenue department have come to consider midnight work sessions and after- hour expense accounts the bunk.

Why do you hand out such sweet talk that seems to shield inconsiderate men? If women would just take the trouble to complain about you, there would soon be a change in your answers. I'll bet.—A.J.

Dear Mary Haworth: Let me thank you, briefly, for your advice to F.R., who feels isolated from her husband's interests.

Strangely enough, on the night before your column appeared, I was seriously pondering a wife's true role in the marriage relationship. Your answer seemed to be just what I needed. Thank you.— M.H.

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

ELLEN'S DIARY

Frosted Bush And Twig Blaze In The Morning Sun

Now the mornings come frosted, every bush and twig jewell in the sheen of the sunshine which washes in above the eastern hilltops. Hushed and peaceful, the time of the sunrise is, these days at Alderlea. The deep silence prevailing may be disturbed by a passing machine. But only briefly, before all again is still. And how lovely the valley is! The winter-fields rise on either side of the dark ribbon of stream to level lands of grove and wood and field. And far away near the horizon one may glimpse (to us) strange farmsteads, where, we think with a chuckle, no other farmwife has time, as have we, just to "stand and stare" at the loveliness about.

Stepping off to his day, James is sure to glance at the chimneys' smoke. Do they spiral rosily? Or are they inclined to bend over the rooves and spread earthward? Scampie offers him his genial morning smile on the path, in passing. And now the black cat, with news of night behind this placid expression, rounds a corner of the house, having homed on the shortcut which leads up from the mill.

"Better give the cats a bite, Ellen" James will call back, returning us to earth. "I haven't seen a rat about the place for a long time-thanks to them!"

And we come awa' indoors to the cares of the household. Does the water in the porridge pot bubble happily over the woodfire? Does the tea-kettle sing? More inspiringly, we think, when the sun lends his light to the morning, than when skies are beclouded and gray.

Midweek has a fashion of bringing Granddaughter home from town and her studies. "Just to see how everyone is." And this evening, at a welcoming bark from Scampie at the gateway we found her walking the winter-trail which leads, by way of the front meadow, up from lane's end.

"I'll like it when the truck can come up to the yard instead of having to wait down at bridge for us" Alex commented, when in the afternoon he was about to set off with his parents on a trip to town.

And an eve's icicle dripped to a puddle below. And across the yard the stable doors were open to the sun. And the sky was a delightful blue, where-on wooly clouds were adrift.

"It won't be long now before it can come to the yard" we promised. It is particularly interesting to us to note the buyings younger farmer brings home from such a trip. He never carries a list of his own, but he has an enviable memory when it comes to the affairs of the farming. He brings, it may be, a length of hose to carry water to some building not yet provided with water-bowls, where now some seasonal overflow of the herd or flock is housed. A new shovel comes, a fork, a pail, a halter, a leading strap. And there are bound to be some remedies brought in, to restock the medicine shelf in the barn, to be thus forearmed in the event an animal should develop some recognized ailment, the farmers can treat.

And in the mildness where the sun explored through the drifts, it came to mind, the snow would be lifting from woodsy dells, baring the burnished leaves of the trailing arbutus, while a smiling sunbeam searched for the tiny flower-buds yet asleep.

A calm March night now is against the windows. A star-speckled sky above the white fields. And ahead, over a fast-spending span of days, there will be before long, spring-blossoms to gather.

Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night.

Borden Legion Auxiliary Lay Plans For Bingo

The monthly meeting of the ladies auxiliary of the Borden Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was held in the Legion Home on Friday evening. Seventeen members attended the meeting.

Mrs. Bertha MacAleer, first vice-president, was in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and correspondence dealt with. The card committee, ways and means committee and the canteen committee also reported on their activities.

The members decided to send a second gift to the organization's president, Mrs. Mary Sutherland, who has been hospitalized for sometime.

It was decided to hold a bingo after lent.

A social hour was enjoyed following the meeting.

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

British Apple Cake Makes Favorite Sunday Dessert

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

ROAST BEEF with or without Yorkshire Pudding, is traditional in Great Britain. It is the cherished "joint" for Sunday dinner.

Potatoes, onions or squash are served with it, pan-roasted with the meat, unless savory, flavory Yorkshire Pudding is baked under the meat in the pan.

Next week we'll give the low-down on the real Yorkshire way.

In the dining halls of castles dating from the time of William the Conqueror through the era of Henry the Eighth, great ribs of beef were spit-roasted over hearth fires.

CARVED TO TASTE

But roast beef became a sensation in this century only when huge rib roasts were presented to patrons of the famous restaurant, Simpson's in the Strand, with the flair of a theatrical production. Silver trolleys (tray wagons) topped with huge carving boards, manned by hearty, smiling meat chefs, high-bonneted and white-uniformed, were rolled from table to table and the beef was carved to the guests' liking.

We can't get to England every weekend for our roast beef, but we can buy a choice grade here in the U.S.A., roast it to perfection, present it with good humor and style and carve it with a sharp, sharp knife!

SUNDAY DINNER

Clear Soup
Garnish Mixed Vegetables
Roast Beef
Pan-Roast Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus Tips
British Apple Cake
Coffee
Tea

Measurements level; recipes for 6

BRITISH APPLE CAKE

½ cup room-soft shortening or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
2½ cup pre-sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground ginger or cinnamon or clove
½ cup milk
1¼ cup coarse-grated peeled raw tart apple
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons granulated sugar, additional

Stir shortening and sugar until creamy and light. Separate eggs. Beat whites stiff and yolks lemon-colored. Add yolks to shortening mixture. Beat thoroughly.

Combine and sift together dry ingredients. Add gradually to first mixture alternately with milk. Beat 5 strokes after each addition. Last, fold in grated apple, lemon rind and beaten egg whites.

Transfer to oiled 7"x 11 shallow pan. Dust with 2 tablespoons granulated sugar.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes in moderate oven, 350 degrees F., or until pick inserted near center comes out clean. Serve hot or cold.

OVEN-FRIED FISH (for Fish 'n' Chips)

2 pounds fish steak or fillets
½ cup mayonnaise
1½ cup fine dry bread crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon monosodium glutamate

Brush fish with mayonnaise. Mix bread crumbs with salt, pepper and monosodium glutamate. With this, evenly coat fish.

Place fish in well-oiled pan, pieces not touching. Bake 20 to 30 minutes in hot oven, 425 degrees F., according to thickness. Turn once.

LEAF SPINACH BRITISH

3 pounds fresh leaf spinach
½ cup heavy cream
or ¼ cup fresh butter
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1-16 teaspoon nutmeg

Carefully wash spinach leaves but do no detach from main stems. Heat cream or butter; in it slowly saute spinach leaves until well wilted, turning often with fork and dusting with seasonings.

THE CHEF REPORTS ON FISH 'N' CHIPS

This famous British combination consists of fried fish fillets and French - fried potatoes served together. It is sometimes prepared at home, but more often is bought from fish 'n' chips shops and brought home in a "poke" (cornucopia of brown paper).

Try it at home with ovenfried fish— to obviate cooking odors —and well-heated frozen French fries.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Education Is Discussed At Irishtown WI Meeting

KENSINGTON — The Irishtown WI met in the community hall for the March meeting with 15 members present. The usual opening exercises were used.

Mrs. A.H. Campbell read the thought for the month. The treasurer reported $20.91 expenses for the month. The month's committee took in $48.76. from card parties. New sick visitors are Mrs. Clayton Stavert, Mrs. Thomas Campbell and Mrs. Archie Paynter; school visitor, Mrs. Borden Campbell.

The teacher requested that some books suitable for the smaller pupils be borrowed from the library at Kensington.

The material for the Red Cross campaign was on hand and collectors were appointed to cover the district during this month.

A paper on education was read and discussed and the questionaire filled in. Parents Day was to be held in the school on Thursday, March 8. The music teacher is entering two groups in the music festival and $1.00 extrance fee has been paid by the WI. Several completed articles for the Red Cross were passed in, and the card secretary sold some boxes of cards and serviettes. The contents of a grab bag were sold realizing the sum of $5.29.

The April meeting will be held in the community hall with roll call to be answered by the members each making and wearing an original hat or paying a fine of 25 cents.

The program followed, consisting of a reading, "How Paddy Stole the Rope" by Mrs. A.H. Campbell, a reading "Olden Days" by Mrs. Clayton Stavert. Mrs. Archie Johnstone put on a contest.

Lunch was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

STELLA MARIS CWL

Plans for sponsoring a credit union banquet in the district were formulated at the regular monthly meeting of the Stella Maris Council of the CWL held recently. The meeting was chaired by the president, Mrs. Leo R. Doiron.

Correspondence included the annual report for 1960-61 from the provincial president, Mrs. Fred Steele and a letter from the director of the "Sacred Heart" program.

The treasurer and various committee chairmen reported to the meeting. New business dealt with, concerned money to be voted for national scholarships, the Sacred Heart program and the "rosary crusade for Chile.

The president requested that all committee chairmen have their reports compiled for the annual meeting which is being held next month.

Mrs. Urban Doiron, Mrs. William V. Gauthier and Mrs. Jerome Gallant were appointed to the nominating committee to bring in the slate of officers for the coming year.

Lucy Maude IODE Chapter Reports On Year's Activities

The Lucy Maud Montgomery chapter had an active year beginning with a visit to Beach Grove when members took magazines and treats to the patients.

Each month two members donated time to UNICEF. The chapter paid the tuition of a third year student at Prince of Wales College and donated a complete set of works of L.M. Montgomery to the new Prince of Wales College Girls' Residence, Montgomery Hall. The annual picnic for the children of Mount Herbert orphanage was held in June when members provided presents, food and bathing suits for the children.

The usual prize was awarded to a student nurse at the P.E.I. Hospital and a birthday gift was sent to the chapters's foster child, the little adopted daughter of one of the late members.

Sewing and knitting were done by members for two boxes which were sent to "Save the Children Fund". A Christmas box was packed for a needy family in the province. Money was raised through "Bring and Buy" sales, but chiefly through catering for various social events in the city.

The March meeting of the chapter was held at the home of Mrs. Robert MacLeod with the regent, Mrs. Don MacMillan in the chair.

Following a report on the visit by the members to Beach Grove on February 26, it was decided that another visit be arranged for April. A suggestion was made that a short article on African Commonwealth Nations be presented by the empire and world affairs committee at each monthly meeting. The citizenship committee recommended that IODE calenders be presented to the new citizens when they receive their Canadian citizenship.

Mrs. W. Brehaut, Mrs. L.G. Lewis and Miss Marjorie Stewart were nominated to the War Memorial Committee A report on the progress of the arrangements for the IODE National convention was made by the regent. A donation was made to the P.E .I. Music Festival.

Some discussion took place regarding a national flag for Canada and it was decided that individual members notify their federal representatives and the prime minister of their desire to either retain the Union Jack or proclaim the Red Ensign as our national flag.

The April meeting will take the form of a "white elephant" sale.

RIE DONKER BANNISTER

Canada's Foremost Weaver Is Native Of The Netherlands

Written for The Canadian Press
Niagara Falls Review

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., (CP) —Rie Donker Bannister came to Canada 26 years ago from The Netherlands, a land where looms are almost unheard of. Now she is one of this country's foremost weavers.

Hundreds come from many parts of Canada and the United States to the South Landing Craft Centre which Mrs. Bannister operates at Queenston overlooking the mouth of the Niagara River.

They come not only to buy wool and cotton but to take a refresher course with the tall, stately woman who has shared her expert knowledge with hundreds over the years.

"Weaving is my whole life," she says. "It is to me what oils are to the artist. I cannot stand plain colors. Everything I weave must have life in it."

She is much - travelled and spends several days each month visiting in many parts of Ontario and New York State.

WEAVERS' MEETINGS

"I always let them know I am coming and load up my car with wool and weaving materials. Often when I arrive I am greeted by a group of weavers and my visit turns into a weavers' meeting."

Mrs. Bannister believes in personal contact. She is a distributor of looms, mostly Canadian made, and she always delivers them herself.

Many persons interested in weaving do not know how to operate a loom, so when they buy one, she takes it to the person and spends an hour or more giving them the basic knowledge.

Despite her travelling, Mrs. Bannister prefers to be at her store, surrounded by looms from Sweden, Germany and Canada and skeins of wool from Britain and Europe.

She is proud of the many gifts she has received from customers who travel to different countries. The latest addition is a table runner woven by crippled children in South Africa. She also has items woven in The Congo and Russia.

EASY TO LEARN

Mrs. Bannister hasn't a regular class of students but willingly takes time to teach the eager beginner.

"Weaving is only a matter of practice. After only one lesson most of the people who come to me can make place mats or runners and if they want to make something more advanced then they come to me and I show them how. It is a very easy and fascinating hobby for many people."

Weavers, she says, sometimes need a boost and, in addition to her personal visits, she makes up kits for the beginner, complete with instructions. She has requests from many parts of North America for skeins of wool, many unobtainable elsewhere. Her best customers, she says, are in British Columbia.

Among the weaving materials she brought with her to Canada in 1936 and which she still uses is a winder more than a century old.

BOUGHT OLD INN

Mrs. Bannister was born in Rotterdam and attended a college of art there where she obtained some of her knowledge of weaving. She has been weaving now for 40 years and at one time combined it with teaching at Ryerson Institute, Toronto.

She came to Canada to join her fiance and was married shortly after her arrival. She and her husband lived on a farm at White Star, Sask., for three years. Her lawyer in nearby Prince Albert was a young man named John Diefenbaker.

Later she lived in Saskatoon and Kingston, Ont., before moving to Toronto where she operated a Weefhuis—a Dutch weaving house.

In 1953 she moved to Queenston so she could have a little more time to weave. She bought a rambling house, formerly an inn, which was built 102 years ago.

Downstairs rooms are devoted to a store and weaving rooms while upstairs she has a large dining room where she frequently entertains visitors to lunch. She also has guest rooms decorated and in each the drapes, bedspread and blankets are woven.

Canadian Women Take Keen Interest In Town Planning

By EDNA BLAKELY

OTTAWA (CP)—If Canadian women would form a collective and informed opinion they could exert a tremendous influence on the kind of city in which they would like their children to grow up.

That's the opinion of Jennifer R. Joynes, editor of the Community Planning Review, quarterly magazine of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

Women are involved in town and city planning in two ways— as professional planners and as citizens.

The ordinary citizen should make her wishes known, but her opinion must be an informed one, she says. The opinion would of course gain strength in numbers.

One of the best ways to become informed is to have the town or city planner speak to a group.

"One of the most important parts of a city planner's job is to speak to groups," Mrs. Joynes says.

Many women who complained they didn't really understand the problem had not taken advantage of the opportunity to learn the broader view. The planner would explain this.

"You don't have to be a university woman to be interested," she added. "Home and school groups, ratepayers associations and women's organizations take active part in planning programs."

Well - planned communities offered adequate recreation facilities for all ages. "You must look beyond the baseball diamond."

Convenient shopping centres were necessary. If women weren't satisfied with modern shopping facilities, perhaps they had better ideas.

Not nearly enough was being done about slum clearance. "Surely," she said, "this is something that women have a conscience about."

SAFETY FACTOR

Public transportation was important, particularly to families in which father takes the car to work. The children should be safely transported to and from school, and other centres.

"Safety is a by-product of every well-planned city," Mrs. Joynes says.

With the Confederation centennial only five years away, there isn't much time left to make cities beautiful.

"But if women exert their influence, urban areas could become a credit to Canada by 1967," she said.

Since 1946, many communities had undertaken planning programs. Master plans were important.

"It's just like a woman doing her housework. It takes sensible management."

Stanhope UCW Hold Service

The Stanhope United Church Women held their "World Day of Prayer" service on Friday, March 9, assisted by several members of the West Covehead UCW.

The large congregation attending the service included women from the Pleasant Grove and Covehead UCW groups.

Mrs. Bruce Ellis led the devotions and Mrs. John Misener read an address on the topic "God's Love For The Whole World".

The Stanhope CGIT girls sang the anthem. Mrs. Warren Marshall was in charge of the choir and music for the service.

Mrs. Harvey Lawson and Mrs. Lloyd Bell received the offering which will be sent to the women's inter-church council of Canada.

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