

# Women

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## Parent Education Expert Expresses Her Philosophy

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mrs. Alathena Smith says that when you realize that everybody is peculiar, especially yourself, you have made the giant step towards becoming an emotionally-mature person.

help solve racial and religious intolerance, even war," Mrs. Smith said in an interview here.

### BROOKFIELD W.I.

The regular meeting of the Brookfield Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Sadie Wood on April 7th.

members to her home for the next meeting, when roll call will be answered by exchange of plants or flower slips.

### GLENWOOD W. I.

The Glenwood Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Betts on Tuesday evening, April 28th with the president, Mrs. Elmer Betts presiding.

Roll call was answered by ten members with donations to be sold at the meeting.

The program consisted of a reading and contests put on by Mrs. Alwood MacDonald and Mrs. Arnold MacDonald.

### ST. MARK'S GUILD

The members of St. Mark's Guild, met at the home of Mrs. Ellis Profit for the April meeting on Tuesday evening.

### MILLVIEW W. I.

Mrs. Alex Stewart entertained the members of Millview W. I. at her home on April 8th.

The usual committee reports were given, also a report on F. W. I. by Mrs. Ralph Sanderson and a C.A.C. report by Mrs. Lee Hynes.

With the president, Mrs. David L. McInnis in the chair, the meeting opened with the collect for the second Sunday after Easter.

The treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Harding, reported the proceeds from the Easter Tea and bazaar amounted to \$135.05.

Mrs. C. J. MacKenzie read an interesting paper on education, stressing the teacher shortage and the need to encourage our children to become teachers.

## MARY HAWORTH

### Sons' Shifting Plans Causes Family Concern

Dear Mary Haworth: What advice would you give a son, 19, who wishes to leave his family and friends after high school graduation and go west, to a coastal city, to study music?

His tentative plans include two other young men who are older—one an unmarried music teacher. Our son has no job prospects there, nor any definite situation to anchor to.

He has been keeping steady company for almost two years with a very nice girl and we had sort of hoped they would get engaged and be married soon.

I regret to add—and this is my most important concern—that his late hours, and evasive answers cause me to feel, intuitively, that a tendency towards homosexuality is developing here.

I am wrong; but how can we, his parents, cope with this, and help our son to stay on the right track?

Please camouflage details, as everyone I know reads you every day and would be sure to recognize facts.

J.P. SAFEGUARDS BEGIN EARLY

Dear J.P.: It is very late in the day to try to rescue a high school graduate from the wrong track of homosexuality, if and after he has begun to follow seasoned leadership over that road.

A boy's best safeguard against such misadventure begins in infancy, in the quality of his relationship with father and mother and in the calibre of the parents, and their significance to one another.

An open-hearted, mature-minded mother, who has no emotional need to hang on to her son parasitically (she has a woman's love for her spouse); and a comfortably capable father, who affords a manly example of benevolent strength, in wearing the pants in the family—these are the vital influence patterns that keep a boy on the normal course.

FUSSY REARING

Your son's shifting plans to leave family and friends behind, suggest that he is mildly dissatisfied with his experience thus far.

Which in turn indicates that he is not well oriented to life "as is"—at home, or in school, or in his social exertions.

So perhaps he has been too zealously supervised by parents, or possibly by Mom, to the present time—with the result that he feels he never has found nor been himself.

And that he never can "come into his own," whatever that estate may be, until he has escaped completely from your leading-strings.

As something of this sort is the probable background of your son's drift into dangerous company, my advice is to get first-hand guidance from a family service agency, or psychiatric counselor, in your community.

You need to sort out your foggy intuitions in candid discourse with an understanding specialist—so as to grasp their real message. Then you'll begin to develop awareness of how to cope spontaneously, from day to day, in pulling him back from poison, if possible.

M.H.

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

## TIGNISH

Mr. Raymond Green of Saint John, N.B. motored to Tignish on last Wednesday, accompanied by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Peter Gallant who was returning home after a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Green and family.

The hostess for the regular weekly card party, sponsored by the Tignish Parish Council of the C.W.I., was Mrs. Milton Keough, on Phillips Street.

On Tuesday evening a card tournament of forty-fives, began in the Tignish Library. The highest score for the evening was held by Mrs. Gerard P. Gaudet.

On Thursday evening a bridge tournament began play in the Tignish Library and Mr. W. J. Shea had the highest score of the evening.

Friends of Mrs. Earl MacDonald, Tignish, were sorry to hear she had to re-enter the Western

Hospital, Alberton, last week, due to a return bout with the flu.

Mr. Merritt Dawson, South Boston, Mass., motored to the island last week accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson, who are occupying their home at Sea Cow Pond.

Mr. Merritt Dawson returned to his home after a few days spent renewing old acquaintances in and about Tignish.

Miss Dorben Harper, commercial student at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harper, Tignish.

Fred Arsenault, Carl Perry, Leonard Gallant and Ronald Knox, all of whom are employed in Charlottetown, spent the weekend with their parents in Tignish.

Mrs. Arlene Gallant, Tignish, spent several days of last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, Charlottetown.

Mr. Leonard McHugh, Toronto, Ont., is visiting for several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gratian McHugh, Tignish.

Work is progressing favorably in having the electric line completed to Judo's Point and Myrick's Shore prior to the opening

of the two lobster canning plants located at the above places. Lobster fishing gear will be set on May 1st and the canneries will be operating within a few days.

Mrs. Joseph T. Arsenault spent Sunday in Summerside with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Arsenault and children of Murray Harbour visited Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault's parents, at Tignish, during the past week.

Lac. Lloyd Perry, Mrs. Perry and children, spent a few days of last week visiting Mrs. John F. Perry, Skinner's Pond and Mrs. Millicent Myers, Tignish.

The members of the Parish Council of the C.W.I. attended the ten-thirty mass on Sunday morning April 26th and received Holy Communion in a body. This mass was offered for the intentions of the living members and was well attended, and at two o'clock the annual meeting was held in the auditorium of the Dalton School with a splendid attendance.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arsenault, Tignish Shore, who on April 25th celebrated their Silver Wedding Jubilee.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Casey, motored to Tignish on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Casey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maria Martin, all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emile J. Gallant. Mr. and Mrs. Maria had remained in Tignish and will visit the Gallant family for the next few weeks.

Mr. John Shea, Anglo-Tignish, had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire on April 27th. The barn which was in good repair, was discovered on fire in the later part of the forenoon. The cause has not been determined. D.K.

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## FINE FUR NEWS

BY ALICE ALDEN

HERE is another furry delight in the procession of beautiful budget furs, each created by a well-known designer to bring a new enthusiasm for furs to the wo-

man who must operate on a restricted budget. This shag is of softest, whitest fox banded with a black moire ribbon which bowties at the bosom.

## Too Bad Roman Emperors Missed P. E. I. Oysters

"Oysters Galore in Britain" is the title of an article by Penelope Turing written for the British Travel Association. Two thousand years have made delicious "Natives".

The following is the article: Oysters are some of the things which divide the world into opposite camps: either you think oysters are delicious, superb, a food for the gods, or you find them tasteless, over-rated, and valueless. There are no half measures, but if you belong to the first group you will find plenty of opportunity to indulge your taste in England, which produces some of the finest oysters in the world.

Half-a-dozen oysters, opened daintily arranged on a plate in their shells, and served with a segment of lemon and thin slices of brown bread-and-butter make a dish fit for a king—or a queen—and has its place on the menu at most of the great London banquets, royal and otherwise. You will get them at all the smart hotels and restaurants and probably wash them down with champagne. Alternatively, you can have them, at about six shillings a half-dozen, in the smaller oyster bars of Soho or the restaurants which specialize in sea foods. You may eat them in company with a duke or a bookmaker, in palatial halls or the cramped, cozy atmosphere of a small eating house, but no matter what the surroundings, the oysters themselves will taste equally good—provided they are genuine "Natives".

Two towns are specially famous in the British oyster world: Colchester in Essex, over the mouth of the river Colne, and Whitstable in Kent on the south side of the Thames estuary. Both produce Natives—a name which by law is only given to oysters grown between Orford Ness on the Essex coast and the South Foreland in Kent, just east of Dover. For some reason this area and around the Thames estuary where the river bed soil is London clay, produces the very best specimens in Britain—the "fattest and meatiest" in oyster parlance. Cornwall, Devon and Scotland have oysters too, but none come up to the reputation of the Natives.

If your love of oyster goes beyond the mere eating of them, it is well worthwhile to make the journey down to Colchester and see where the oyster beds are. Colchester is worth a visit for its own sake, too, for it has been a garrison town since the days of the Romans, and has interesting relics of its early times and some fine old inns.

The oysters, however, go back farther than the Romans; but the representatives of Julius Caesar were not slow to appreciate and develop this British delicacy. Indeed, they found the local oysters superior to those of the Mediterranean and even exported them back home, where they probably found a place on the Emperor's table, for typical Colchester Native shells have been dug up in Rome.

Right down the ages Colchester and Whitstable oysters have been one of England's greatest delicacies, and they figure largely in accounts of feasting in fact and fiction. Mr. Pickwick, you may remember, took six barrels of "real native oysters" with him on his Christmas visit to Dingley Dell. No wonder he was a welcome guest!

Oysters, one might think, would rear themselves like other sea fish, but actually the oyster fisheries are carefully tended and preserved. They need salt water of a fairly even temperature, and to obtain their food, which is mainly plankton—minute floating animal and vegetable life—the average oyster filters 15 gallons of sea water a day. They "spit" or spawn between June and September, and each oyster produces about half a million or more spat, of which perhaps ten survive, sinking to the bottom, where they cling to shell or rock.

At the opening of a new oyster season the Mayor of Colchester hauls the first dredge aboard, after drinking the Queen's health, but the town's greatest event in the year is its famous Oyster Feast. No one knows when the feasts began, but they were a well established tradition by 1667. In the early days the Feast was held on October 8th, on the eve of St. Eynys's Day, when a great fair was held in the town. Nowadays the date varies, but it is always during October. The Mayor is the host and his 350 guests include celebrities from every side of British life—statesmen, men of letters, painters, actors, judges, doctors, sometimes a member of the Royal Family, and visitors from overseas as well. Women are now invited, too, the Feast, always held in Colchester's famous Moot Hall, consists of a very handsome lunch at which the oyster course is, naturally, the highlight. You may be content with a mere dozen Natives, but some of the guests manage three dozen at least and the rest of the feast as well!

According to the experts, this season is producing some of the best oysters for many years, so if you happen to be in Britain before mid-May you will have a chance to learn at first hand how the Natives have maintained an international reputation for two thousand years.

### GRAHAM'S ROAD W. I.

The regular meeting of Success W.I. was held in the school on Tuesday evening April 14th. The film "Miracle in Paradise Valley" was put on by John Campbell. Meeting opened by repeating the Club Woman's Creed. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Twenty members answered roll call by paying towards three baby layettes that had been purchased. The treasurer reported \$25.00 was the proceeds from the card parties held in the school. Correspondence was read and discussed. Collection amounted to \$5.05.

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